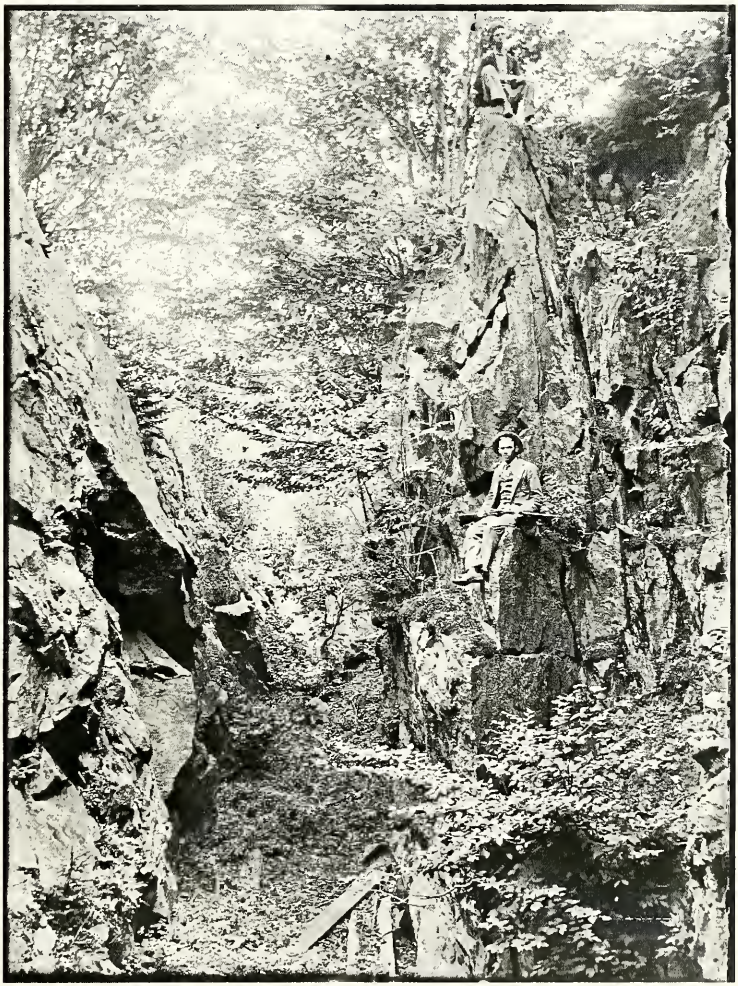
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Annual Report

GOSHEN

New Hampshire



For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Cover Photo: The Pierce Graphite Mine, known as Goshen's "lead mine" was photographed in 1897 by Elmer and Arthur Nelson of Goshen. The mine was originally owned by Samuel and Sarah White of Goshen, and was subsequently purchased by Benjamin Pierce who transferred it to his son Franklin in 1844. In 1853 Franklin Pierce became the fourteenth President of the United States.

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In Memory

January 26, 2007
Richard White
son of Arthur White and Lora Freman

July 23, 2007
Raymond Murgatroy Jr.,
son of Raymond Murgatroy Sr. and Ellen Koivisto

December 5, 2007
Irene Tice,
daughter of Peter Dearden and Amy Smith

Town of Goshen Assistance Numbers
FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DIAL 9-1-1

Fire Department:

Non-Emergency Dispatch 352-1291
Fire Station 863-2525
Emergency **9-1-1**

Police Department:

If you need non-emergency assistance (i.e. "my cat is stuck in the tree"),or you need police coverage at a special event in town, etc., please call this number 863-0275
Emergency: **9-1-1**

Town Office:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector 863-5655
Monday: 8:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Tuesday: 8:00am to Noon
Wednesday: 8:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Friday: Closed
Last Saturday of each month: 8:30am to 11:30 am
(excluding holiday weekends)

Selectmen 863-5080
Mondays at 7:00pm / Watch for schedule changes
Fax: *863-6139*

Highway Department:

If you need a driveway permit, please call this number. 863-5656
Emergency: **477-1681**

Transfer Station:

Sunday & Wednesday, 9am to 3pm 863-3847

Library:

Monday: 2:00pm to 7:00pm 863-6921
Wednesday:10:00am to noon / 2:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am to noon

Planning Board meets the first and last Tuesday of each momth
Zoning Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month.
Conservation Commission meets on the last Wednesday of each month.

Goshen Town Officers for 2007

SELECTMEN
3-YEAR TERM ELECTED
MELANIE BELL 2008
JAMES CARRICK 2008
EDWARD ANDERSEN 2010

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CINDY ROUILLARD

TOWN CLERK
3 YEAR TERM ELECTED
MELISSA PAGE 2010

TAX COLLECTOR
3 YEAR TERM ELECTED
MELISSA PAGE 2010

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK & DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR
CINDY WILLIAMS

TREASURER
3 YEAR TERM ELECTED
HEATHER PECKHAM 2010

ROAD AGENT 2009
2 YEAR TERM ELECTED
MARK BEAUDRY

ASSISTANT ROAD AGENT
JESSE JOHNSON

POLICE CHIEF
EDWARD G ANDERSEN

POLICE SARGENT
RICHARD KELLEY JR

FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER
DUNCAN DOMEY

POLICE DEPUTIES
PETER CROWELL
COURTNEY HEATH
MATTHEW PICKERING
MATTHEW McCLAY

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND
3-YEAR TERM ELECTED
PETA BRENNAN 2008
DEBORAH HALL (RESIGNED) 2010
VACANT

BUILDING INSPECTOR
HARRY WARBURTON

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
DANIEL PETERSON

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS
ED BAKER
GORDON BARTLETT
JOHN HERR
JOHN HOPKINS
CHRIS MOEN
JAN PARMALEE
RICKY SHEPARD
CLARK WAMSLEY
JACK WARBURTON

FIRE CHIEF
RICKY W SHEPARD

CEMETERY TRUSTEES
3-YEAR TERM ELECTED
LARS NELSON 2008
ARTHUR JILLETTE 2009
RONALD KEMPTON 2010

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
3-YEAR TERM ELECTED
LILYAN WRIGHT
LANDRY 2008
ETHEL NILSEN 2008
NANCY WIDEBERG 2009 (RESIGNED)
HANNAH LOCKWOOD 2010
MARION HOOK 2010
BONNIE BELDEN (ALT)
CARL WIDEBERG (RESIGNED ALT)
MARK LANDRY (ALT)

LIBRARIAN
CYNTHIA PHILLIPS

HEALTH OFFICER
STATE APPOINTED 3-YEAR TERM
JOHN P HOPKINS 2010

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE
JOHN P HOPKINS

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
JOHN HERR

MODERATOR
2 YEAR TERM ELECTED
ARTHUR G JILLETTE, JR 2008

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST
ELLEN WINKLER 2009
JANE GALPIN 2011
NICKOLE LORD 2013

BUDGET COMMITTEE
3 YEAR TERM ELECTED
BARBARA PARONTO 2009 (CHAIR)
MARIANNE DENNIS 2009
LILYAN WRIGHT 2010
THERESA CUTTER 2008
NICKOLE JOHNSON 2010
BEATRICE JILLETTE 2010
DEBORAH HALL 2008 RESIGNED
PETA BRENNAN 2008
ELIZABETH CARON 2009
JOHN SCRANTON 2008*
(SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL APPOINTMENT)
EDWARD ANDERSEN 2008*
(SELECTBOARD ANNUAL APPOINTMENT)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
3 YEAR TERM APPOINTED
BEA JILLETTE 2008 (CHAIR)
GARY DENNIS 2008
GARY STANSFIELD 2008
CYNDI PHILLIPS 2009
BOB BLACKWOOD 2009
DICK HAMILTON 2010
LOIS STEVENS 2010
JEFF VOLKERS (ALTERNATE)
SANDY SONNICHSEN (ALTERNATE)

PLANNING BOARD
3 YEAR TERM ELECTED
JOHN WIRKKALA (CHAIR) 2010
JAMES CARRICK (SELECTMEN)
RICHARD MOEN 2009
JONATHAN PURICK 2008
CARL WIDEBERG (ALTERNATE)
JOHN SCRANTON (ALTERNATE)
GARY STANSFIELD (ALTERNATE)

PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY
SUZANNE PEACOCK

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
3 YEAR APPOINTED
PHILIP STENTZ (CHAIR)
HANNAH LOCKWOOD
KENNETH EVERITT
THOMAS LAWTON

ALTERNATE ZONING BOARD
KATE PHELAN (CHAIR)
JOAN HOFFMAN
TOM PIROZZOLI
JOHN HERR
MATT GRADER

ZONING BOARD SECRETARY
JESSICA DENNIS

REPRESENTATIVE TO NH/VT SOLID WASTE
3 YEAR TERM APPOINTED
PAUL BARRETT
LILYAN WRIGHT

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
PAUL BARRETT (CHAIR)
JEAN BARRETT
LILYAN WRIGHT
DAVID BLY
JONATHAN PURICK

TOWN WARRANT

TOWN OF GOSHEN
The State of New Hampshire

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
on Tuesday, March 11, 2008

THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM on Saturday, March 15, 2008

To the inhabitants of the Town of Goshen in the County of Sullivan in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen Town Hall in said Goshen on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 2008, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year:

2. **Zoning Amendment No. 1: Noise Regulation**
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No 1. Official copies of the complete text are available at the Town Office and will be on display at the meeting. The following question will appear on the official ballot and is not subject to further amendment.

> *"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Goshen Planning Board for the Goshen Zoning Ordinance? This amendment adds to the Zoning Ordinance a prohibition against making loud and unreasonable noises (a provision already contained in the State Criminal Code), and details certain specific types of noises which are restricted during certain hours, or in certain locations near residential dwellings. Any violation continuing after written notice would be subject to the penalties provided under State law for other types of zoning violations. The amendment also contains a series of exclusions and exceptions."*

[] Yes [] No

You are further notified to meet at the Goshen Town Hall in said Goshen on Saturday, the 11th day of March, 2008, at 6:30 of the o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

3. **To receive the reports of the Town Officers of Goshen and take any necessary action thereon.**

4. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the general municipal operations: (Majority Vote Required)**

Account No.		Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommends
4130	Executive	44,628.00	46,178.00
4140	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	27,034.00	27,034.00
4150	Financial Administration	33,028.00	33,028.00
4152	Revaluation of Property	6,530.00	6,530.00
4153	Legal Expense	41,000.00	41,000.00
4155	Personnel Administration	31,474.00	31,474.00
4191	Planning & Zoning	17,841.00	17,841.00
4191	General Government Building	33,186.00	33,186.00
4194	Cemeteries	4,000.00	4,000.00
4196	Insurance	70,434.00	70,434.00
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	932.00	932.00
4723	Interest on TAN's	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Total	313,087.00	314,637.00

5. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Public Safety: (Majority Vote Required)**

Account No		Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommends
4210	Police	87,640.00	87,640.00
4215	Ambulance	6,500.00	6,500.00
4220	Fire	26,500.00	26,500.00
4240	Building Inspection	1,700.00	1,700.00
4290	Emergency Management	3,800.00	3,800.00
4299	Hepatitis B Shots	500.00	500.00
	Total	126,640.00	126,640.00

6. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Highways and Streets: (Majority Vote Required)**

Account No.		Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommends
4311	Highway Administration	68,060.00	68,060.00
4312	Highway & Streets	82,500.00	82,500.00
4316	Street Lighting	300.00	300.00
	Total	150,860.00	150,860.00

7. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Sanitation: (Majority vote required)**

Account No.		Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommends
4321	Solid Waste Administration	21,457.00	21,457.00
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	82,786.00	82,786.00
4326	Sewage Disposal	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Total	105,443.00	105,443.00

8. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Health and Welfare: (Majority Vote Required)**

Account No		Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommends
4414	Pest Control	1,245.00	1,245.00
4415	Senior Center	300.00	300.00
4415	Sullivan County Hospice	250.00	250.00
4415	Lake Sunapee Home Health	2,138.00	2,138.00
4415	Meals on Wheels	250.00	250.00
4415	West Central Services	908.00	908.00
4415	SWCS	600.00	600.00
4415	Community Alliance	500.00	500.00
4415	Turning Points Network	200.00	200.00
4442	Direct Assistance	21,855.00	21,855.00
	Total	28,246.00	28,246.00

9. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Cultural, Recreation and Conservation: (Majority Vote Required)**

Account No.		Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommend
4550	Library	17,633.00	17,633.00
4583	Patriotic Purposes	300.00	300.00
4619	Conservation	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Total	19,433.00	19,433.00

10. To see if the Town will vote to establish a new capital reserve fund for the purpose of funding a fire vehicle for support and utility purposes, to be known as the Fire Department Utility Support Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be placed in this fund, and further, to designate the Board of Selectmen and Fire Chief as agents to expend such funds for said purpose. (Majority Vote Required). *Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to be placed in established Capital Reserve Funds: (Majority vote required).

	Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committed Recommend
Highway Heavy Equipment (1994)	3,500.00	3,500.00
Construction & Recon. Of Bridges (1992)	5,000.00	5,000.00
New Highway Truck CR (1990)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Police Cruiser (1978)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Personal Firefighter's Equipment. (1994)	2,500.00	2,500.00
Property Revaluation (2002)	10,000.00	10,000.00
Town Technology (2005)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town Printing Equipment (2005)	600.00	600.00
Fire Truck	10,000.00	10,000.00
Town Buildings Painting (2006)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Paving/Repair Existing Paved Roads (2007)	400.00	400.00
Total	45,000.00	45,000.00

12. To see if the town will vote to establish a new capital reserve fund for the purpose of funding welfare payments requiring funds exceeding current budget funding, to be known as the Welfare Capital Reserve Fund, to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be placed in this fund and further, to be designate the Board of Selectmen and Welfare Officer as agents to expend such funds for said purpose. (Majority vote required). *Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a new capital reserve fund for the purpose of maintenance and care of the Grange Hall to be known as the Grange Hall Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) to be placed in this fund, and further; to designate the Board of Selectmen and the President and Treasurer of the Friends of the Grange Hall as agents to expend such funds for said purpose. (Majority Vote Required). *Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars ($6,000) for the purpose of tree removal, grading, trellising and replanting of new trees, landscape and further to grade and define parking spaces in the Town common area between the Town Hall and the Town Library. (Majority Vote Required). *Recommended by the Selectmen; Not recommended by the Budget Committee.*

15. To see if the Town will vote to change the method of electing the Town's Road Agent every two (2) years to a Road Agents position that would be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. This change would take effect in March 2009. (Majority Vote Required).

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) for the purpose of making safety repairs and upgrades to existing shelf-stacks, lighting and electrical improvements and door and window replacement in the storage/reading room in the Library. (Majority Vote Required). *Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of used equipment no longer utilized by the Town. This may be done by sealed bid or public auction with the money received to be deposited into the general fund. (Majority vote required).

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for the purpose of annual maintenance and repairs of the compactor with said funds to come from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund. No money will be raised by taxes if this article is passed. (Majority vote required).

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) for the purpose of developing concrete pads for the transfer station operations with said funds to come from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund. No money will be raised by taxes if this article is passed. (Majority vote required).

20. (Petitioned) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) for the purchase a thermal imaging camera. The Selectmen and the Fire Chief are to be the Agents to expend.

21. (Petitioned)To see if the Town will adopt an exemption from taxation for Solar Powered Energy System Improvements (as defined in RSA 72:61 and allowed by RSA 72.62). A solar energy system means a system which utilizes solar energy to heat or cool the interior of a building or to heat water for use in a building and which includes one or more collectors and storage container. A solar energy system also means a system which provides electricity for a building by the use of photovoltaic panels. This request is an accordance with the provisions of RSA 72:33, 34 and 34-a, for the full value of the improvements to be exempt from taxation. The State of New Hampshire has given municipalities the option of this incentive to utilize Renewable Energy System, and lesson our dependence of fossil fuels and nuclear power.

22. (Petitioned) To see if the Town will adopt an exemption from taxation for Wind Powered Energy System Improvements (as defined in RSA 72:65 and allowed by RSA 72.66). A wind-powered energy system means any wind-powered devices which supplement or replace electrical power supplied to households or businesses at the immediate site. This request is in accordance with the provisions of RSA 72:33, 34 and 34-a.38, for the full value of improvements to be exempt from taxation. The State of New Hampshire has given municipalities the option of this incentive to utilize Renewable Energy Systems, and lessen our dependence on fossil fuels and nuclear power.

23. (Petitioned) To see if the Town will vote to combine the position of Town Clerk and Tax Collector into one position elected for a term of 3 years per RSA 41:45a. A ballot vote is required, RSA attached.

24. (Petitioned)To see if the Town will vote to provide health benefits for the position of Town Clerk – Tax Collector for a term of three years. Ballot vote needed.

Coverage	Type	Rate	Per Month
MTB151PDED—R3/15m$1	1 Per	$466	$15
	2 Per	$932	$30
	Family	$1258	$61

The above figures represent the cost to Goshen after a 15% co-pay.

25. To take up any other business as may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 22nd day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand eight.

James Carrick
Melanie Bell
Edward Andersen, Sr.

A true copy of Warrant --- Attest:

Selectmen of Goshen:

James Carrick
Melanie Bell
Edward Andersen, Sr.

February 2, 2008

We hereby certify that we give notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the United States Post Office in Goshen being a public place in said Town, on the 21th day of February, 2008.

Selectmen of Goshen

James Carrick
Melanie Bell
Edward Andersen, Sr.

MS-7 Budget - Town of Goshen FY' 08

ACCT. # of Appropriations	PURPOSE	Approp. Prior Year	Actual Expend.	Selectmen Recomm.	Selectmen Not Recomm.	Budget Rec.	Budget Not Rec.
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
4130-4139	Executive	42,814	38,733	44,628		46,178	0
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	30,617	29,357	27,034		27,034	0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	32,982	26,830	33,028		33,028	0
4152	Revaluation of Property	6,545	4,566	6,530		6,530	0
4153	Legal Expense	30,000	56,491	41,000		41,000	0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	22,224	21,081	31,474		31,474	0
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	14,341	3,218	17,841		17,841	0
4194	General Government Buildings	28,950	39,887	33,186		33,186	0
4195	Cemeteries	3,500	3,313	4,000		4,000	0
4196	Insurance	91,365	63,471	70,434		70,434	0
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	906	906	932		932	0
PUBLIC SAFETY							
4210-4214	Police	82,582	78,720	87,640		87,640	0
4215-4219	Ambulance	6,427	0	6,500		6,500	0
4220-4229	Fire	21,000	21,253	26,500		26,500	0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	1,600	1,332	1,700		1,700	0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	3,800	2,096	3,800		3,800	0
4299	Other (Including Communications)	500	0	500		500	0
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS							
4311	Administration	67,160	65,950	68,060		68,060	0
4312	Highways and Streets	81,880	211,634	82,500		82,500	0
4316	Street Lighting	350	248	300		300	0
SANITATION							
4321	Administration	22,927	21,142	21,457		21,457	0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	81,886	62,209	82,786		82,786	0
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	1,200	1,111	1,200		1,200	0
HEALTH/WELFARE							
4411	Administration	1,245	675	1,245		1,245	0
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5,136	4,386	5,146		5,146	0
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	14,855	28,040	21,855		21,855	0
CULTURE & RECREATION							
4550-4559	Library	12,157	12,127	17,633		17,633	0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	300	0	300		300	0
CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	1,300	1,300	1,500		1,500	0
DEBT SERVICE							
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000	0	3,000		3,000	0
4915	**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES**						
Article 10	Fire Utility Support Vehicle			10,000		10,000	0
Article 12	Welfare Trust Fund			10,000		10,000	0
Article 13	Grange Hall Maintenance			100		100	0
Article 14	Town Hall Parking Upgrade			6,000		0	6,000
Article 16	Library Phys. Plant Update			5,000		5,000	0
Article 18	Transfer Annual Maintenance			1,000		1,000	0
Article 19	Concrete Pads Transfer Station			12,000		12,000	0

ACCT. # of Appropriations	PURPOSE	Approp. Prior Year	Actual Expend.	Selectmen Recomm.	Selectmen Not Recomm.	Budget Rec.	Budget Not Rec.
1915	**INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**						
Article 11	Capital Reserve Funds:						
	Police Cruiser	5,000		5,000		5,000	0
	Highway Heavy Equipment	2,500		3,500		3,500	0
	Construction/Reconstruction Bridges	5,000		5,000		5,000	0
	Highway Truck	5,000		5,000		5,000	0
	Personal Firefighters Equipment	2,500		2,500		2,500	0
	Property Revaluation	10,000		10,000		10,000	0
	Town Hall Technology	2,000		2,000		2,000	0
	Copier	600		600		600	0
	Fire Truck	2,000		10,000		10,000	0
	Painting Town Buildings	2,000		1,000		1,000	0
	Paving	3,500		400		400	0
Total		45,000		45,000		45,000	0

Source of Revenue Town of Goshen FY '08

TAXES							
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund	5,000		10,229		5,000	
3185	Timber Taxes	10,000		601		7,500	
3190	Interest & Penaltie on Delinquent Taxes	20,000		6,670.00		12,000	
-----	Inventory Penalties	1,000		1,160		1,000	
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)	750		873		750	
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES							
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	133,000		119,181		125,000	
3230	Building Permits	1,500		854		1,500	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,000		6,095		5,000	
FROM STATE							
3351	Shared Revenues	11,800		11,784		11,000	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	31,000		65,626		4,500	
3353	Highway Block Grant	25,853		35,025		30,000	
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	1,100		1,240		1,200	
3359	Other (including Railroad Tax)	0		40,704			
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS (FEMA)			128,892			
CHARGES FOR SERVICES							
3401-3406	Income from Departments (Windmill)	3,000		33,749		3,000	
3409	Other Charges	250		12,400		1,000	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES							
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	150		0		1,000	
3502	Interest in Investments	200		233		300	
BUDGET SUMMARY							
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended		713,549		743,709		745,259	
Special Warrant Articles Recommended		36,600		44,100		38,100	
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended		72,396		45,000		45,000	
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended		822,545		832,809		828,359	
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)		248,978		208,750		208,750	
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		**573,567**		**624,059**		**619,609**	

Trust Fund Report 2006, Revised

REPORT of THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN — on December 31, 2006

REVISED CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

				PRINCIPAL					INCOME					
										Income During Year				Grand Total of
Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Cash Loss	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Percent	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal& Income at End of Year
1/10/92	Bridge	Re/Construction	MBIA	50519.75	7,500.00			58,019.75	3,785.79		2,518.20		6,303.99	60537.95
12/27/96	Town Hall	Restoration	Public Deposit	8260.09				8,260.09	6,091.13		391.88		6,483.01	8651.97
12/30/94	Firefighters	Personal Equipment		3,881.00	6,920.00		8,233.33	2,567.67	1,605.60		201.04		1,806.64	2768.71
12/30/94	Fire Truck	Capital Reserve		77,331.20	2,000.00			79,331.20	2,147.76		3672.77		5,820.53	83003.97
12/26/90	Highway Dept.	Truck		27,026.11	7,500.00			34,526.11	4,373.10		1,403.42		5,776.52	35929.53
12/30/94	Highway Heavy	Equipment		8,249.40	3,750.00		6,813.73	5,185.67	1,407.21		425.88		1,833.09	5611.55
12/30/88	Dump Closure	C/R		4,188.14				4,188.14	3,642.51		199.02		3,841.53	4387.16
12/18/78	Police Cruiser	C/R		7,803.82	7,500.00			15,303.82	2,703.82		491.12		3,194.94	15794.94
7/29/02	Property Revalue	C/R		20,398.12	15,000.00			35,398.12	908.52		1209.75		2,118.27	36607.87
1/20/06	Copier	C/R		600.00	600.00			1,200.00			27.62		27.62	1227.62
1/20/06	Technology	C/R		2,000.00	2,000.00			4,000.00			92.69		92.69	4092.69
12/20/06	Painting of Gov't Bl	C/R		3,000.00			2,950.00	50.00			0.44		0.44	50.44
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				213257.63	52770.00	0.00	15047.06	248030.57	26665.44		10633.83		37299.27	258664.40

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REVISED LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

				PRINCIPAL					INCOME					
										Income During Year				Grand Total of Principal
Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Cash Gained (losses)	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Percent of Income	Interest Earned	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	& Income at End of Year
4/30/93	Pettis, W.	Operating		1,500.00				1,500.00 #	256.84	85.0%	82.98		339.82	1,839.82
11/23/51	Halliday, S.	Operating		500.00				500.00	68.93	22.0%	26.09		115.02	615.02
4/6/23	Parker, M	Operating	MBIA	300.00				300.00	51.37	13.0%	16.80		87.97	387.97
Total Operating			New Hampshire	2,300.00				2,300.00	395.14	100.0%	127.86		522.80	2,822.80
			Public Deposit											
2/21/64	Halliday, S.	Books	Investment Pool	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,188.81		151.31		1,338.12	3,338.12
Total Book				2,000.00				2,000.00		100.0%	151.31		1,338.12	3,338.12
8/2/31	Pettis, E.	Unspecified		1,000.00				1,000.00	158.24	25.0%	54.87		211.11	1,211.11
3/11/89	Pike, E.	Unspecified		500.00				500.00	78.12	12.5%	27.32		105.44	605.44
10/3/94	Friends of Library	Unspecified		2,500.00				2,500.00	390.58	62.5%	137.26		527.84	3,027.84
Total Unspecified				4,000.00				4,000.00	624.94	100.0%	219.47		844.39	4,844.39
TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS				6,300.00				8,300.00	1,020.08		498.44		2,705.31	11,005.31

REPORT of THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN

on December 31, 2006

REVISED CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	How Invested	PRINCIPAL Beginning Balance	New Funds Create	Contributions	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	INCOME Beginning Balance	Income During Year Percent of Total	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
Village Cemetery-Center														
12/22/60	Baxter, Charles			100.00				100.00	305.60	2.48%	19.10		324.70	424.70
10/15/57	Chamberlain, Lorenzo	Lot Care	MBIA	300.00				300.00	1,278.77	7.45%	57.30		1,336.07	1,636.07
2/23/11	Marshall, Zennie C.		New Hampshire	75.00				75.00	150.65	1.86%	14.33		164.98	239.98
1/7/43	Russell, Eva E.		Public Deposit	100.50				100.50	394.10	2.50%	19.20		413.30	513.80
3/22/48	Smart, John S.		Investment Pool	200.00				200.00	1,061.49	4.97%	38.20		1,099.69	1,299.69
Village Cemetery-South														
3/22/80	Barquist-Sawyer			100.00				100.00	129.13	2.48%	19.10		148.23	248.23
1/28/49	Butterfield, John			150.00				150.00	621.65	3.73%	28.65		660.30	810.30
9/19/58	Butterworth, Joseph			100.00				100.00	258.12	2.48%	19.10		277.22	377.22
9/1/50	Mellen, Lillie & Joseph			200.00				200.00	520.57	4.97%	38.20		558.77	758.77
1/16/72	Nelson, Hal & Ida			100.00				100.00	211.57	2.48%	19.10		230.67	330.67
1/6/72	Sholes, Ora & Athine			100.00				100.00	211.57	2.48%	19.10		230.67	330.67
5/11/48	York, Ada			100.00				100.00	329.72	2.48%	19.10		348.82	448.82
Village Cemetery-North														
11/29/49	Dow, Parker T.			100.00				100.00	391.11	2.48%	19.10		410.21	510.21
4/15/71	Gregg, George & Ethel			200.00				200.00	563.95	4.97%	38.20		602.15	802.15
10/3/32	Hall, William W.			100.00				100.00	388.56	2.48%	19.10		407.66	507.66
Village Cemetery-East														
3/11/80	Pike, John G.			1,000.00				1,000.00	1,787.21	24.84%	191.01		1,978.22	2,978.22
Goshen Corners-North														
12/1/39	Cofran, Stephen B.			100.00				100.00	302.37	2.48%	19.10		321.47	421.47
Goshen Corners-South														
7/28/31	McCrillis, John W.			200.00				200.00	387.76	4.97%	38.20		425.96	625.96
North Goshen-North														
6/13/88	Hall, Emerette Smart Powers			200.00				200.00	259.55	4.97%	38.20		297.75	497.75
North Goshen-South														
5/10/60	Sischo, Esek			300.00				300.00	1,351.98	7.45%	57.30		1,409.28	1,709.28
Location unknown														
11/4/47	Colby, Viola			50.00				50.00	56.80	1.24%	9.55		66.35	116.35
5/2/28	Gilman, Hattie A.			150.00				150.00	756.82	3.73%	28.65		785.47	935.47
Sub TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUND				4,025.50				4,025.50	12,178.99	100.00%	768.91		12,947.90	16,973.40
North Goshen-South														
1/7/41	Redington, Ida M.								4,168.76		290.96		4,459.72	4,459.72
TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUND				4,025.50					16,347.75	100.00%	1,059.87	0.00	17,407.62	21,433.12

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CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

					PRINCIPAL				INCOME					
										Income During Year				Grand Total of
Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Cash Loss	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Percent	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal& Income at End of Year
1/10/92	Bridge	Re/Construction	MBIA	60537.95	5,000.00		3,406.00	62,131.95	6,303.99		3,118.84		9,422.83	65250.79
12/27/96	Town Hall	Restoration	Public Deposit	8651.97				8,651.97	6,483.01		440.63		6,923.64	9092.60
12/30/94	Firefighters	Personal Equipment		2,768.71	1,250.00			4,018.71	1,806.64		169.55		1,976.19	4188.26
12/30/94	Fire Truck	Capital Reserve		83,003.97	1,000.00			84,003.97	5,820.53		4247.97		10,068.50	88251.94
12/26/90	Highway Dept.	Truck		35,929.53	2,500.00			38,429.53	5,776.52		1,886.13		7,662.65	40315.66
12/30/94	Highway Heavy	Equipment		5,611.55	1,250.00			6,861.55	1,833.09		314.36		2,147.45	7175.91
12/30/88	Dump Closure	C/R		4,387.16				4,387.16	3,841.53		223.49		4,065.02	4610.65
12/18/78	Police Cruiser	C/R		15,794.94	2,500.00		15,000.00	3,294.94	3,194.94		324.25		3,519.19	3619.19
7/23/02	Property Revalue	C/R		36,607.87	5,000.00		13,664.00	27,943.87	2,118.27		1599.75		3,718.02	29543.62
1/20/06	Copier	C/R		1,227.62	300.00			1,527.62	27.62		69.31		96.93	1596.93
1/20/06	Technology	C/R		4,092.69	1,000.00			5,092.69	92.69		231.31		324.00	5324.00
7/18/07	Paved Road Repair	C/R		1,750.00				1,750.00	0.00		40.2		40.20	1790.20
12/20/06	Painting of Gov't Bl	C/R		50.44	1,500.00			1,550.44	0.44		37.55		37.99	1587.99
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				260414.40	21300.00	0.00	32070.00	249644.40	37299.27		12703.34		50002.61	262347.74

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LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

					PRINCIPAL					INCOME					
											Income During Year				Grand Total of Principal
Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Cash Gained (losses)	Withdrawals	Ending Balance		Beginning Balance	Percent of Income	Interest Earned	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	& Income at End of Year
4/30/93	Pattie, W.	Operating		1,500.00				1,500.00	#	339.82	65.0%	90.39	82.97	347.24	1,847.24
11/23/51	Halliday, S.	Operating		500.00				500.00		115.02	22.0%	30.58	28.07	117.53	617.53
4/6/23	Parker, M.	Operating	MBIA	300.00				300.00		67.97	13.0%	18.08	18.60	88.45	389.45
Total Operating			New Hampshire	2,300.00				2,300.00		522.80	100.0%	139.08	127.88	534.22	2,834.23
			Public Deposit												
2/21/84	Halliday, S.	Books	Investment Pool	2,000.00				2,000.00		1,338.12		184.82	151.31	1,351.43	3,351.43
Total Book				2,000.00				2,000.00			100.0%	184.82		1,351.43	3,351.43
8/2/31	Pattie, E.	Unspecified		1,000.00				1,000.00		158.24	25.0%	59.68		215.92	1,215.92
3/11/89	Pike, E.	Unspecified		500.00				500.00		78.12	12.5%	29.72		107.84	607.84
10/3/94	Friends of Library	Unspecified		2,500.00				2,500.00		390.58	62.5%	149.28		539.86	3,039.86
Total Unspecified				4,000.00				4,000.00		844.39	100.0%	238.70	219.47	863.62	4,863.62
TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS				8,300.00				8,300.00		1,367.19		542.40		2,749.27	11,049.27

REPORT of THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN

on December 31, 2007

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	How Invested	PRINCIPAL Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Contributions	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	INCOME Beginning Balance	Income During Year Percent of Total	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
Village Cemetery-Center														
12/22/60	Baxter, Charles			100.00				100.00	305.60	2.48%	21.46		327.06	427.06
10/15/57	Chamberlain, Lorenzo	Lot Care	MBIA	300.00				300.00	1,278.77	7.45%	64.39		1,343.16	1,643.16
2/23/11	Marshall, Zemira C.		New Hampshire	75.00				75.00	150.65	1.86%	16.10		166.75	241.75
1/7/43	Russell, Eva E.		Public Deposit	100.50				100.50	394.10	2.50%	21.57		415.67	516.17
3/22/48	Smart, John S.		Investment Pool	200.00				200.00	1,061.48	4.97%	42.92		1,104.41	1,304.41
Village Cemetery-South														
3/22/80	Berquist-Sawyer			100.00				100.00	129.13	2.48%	21.46		150.59	250.59
1/28/49	Butterfield, John			150.00				150.00	631.65	3.73%	32.19		663.84	813.84
9/19/58	Butterworth, Joseph			100.00				100.00	258.12	2.48%	21.46		279.58	379.58
9/1/50	Mellen, Lillie & Joseph			200.00				200.00	520.57	4.97%	42.92		563.49	763.49
1/16/72	Nelson, Hial & Ida			100.00				100.00	211.57	2.48%	21.46		233.03	333.03
1/6/72	Sholes, Ora & Athline			100.00				100.00	211.57	2.48%	21.46		233.03	333.03
5/11/48	York, Ada			100.00				100.00	329.72	2.48%	21.46		351.18	451.18
Village Cemetery-North														
11/29/49	Dow, Parker T.			100.00				100.00	391.11	2.48%	21.46		412.57	512.57
4/15/71	Gregg, George & Ethel			200.00				200.00	563.95	4.97%	42.92		606.87	806.87
10/3/32	Hall, William W.			100.00				100.00	388.56	2.48%	21.46		410.02	510.02
Village Cemetery-East														
3/11/80	Pike, John G.			1,000.00				1,000.00	1,787.21	24.84%	214.62		2,001.83	3,001.83
Goshen Corners-North														
12/1/39	Cohan, Stephen B.			100.00				100.00	302.37	2.48%	21.46		323.83	423.83
Goshen Corners-South														
7/28/31	McCrillis, John W.			200.00				200.00	387.76	4.97%	42.92		430.68	630.68
North Goshen-North														
6/13/86	Hall, Emerette Smart Powers			200.00				200.00	259.55	4.97%	42.92		302.47	502.47
North Goshen-South														
5/10/60	Sischo, Esek			300.00				300.00	1,351.98	7.45%	64.39		1,416.37	1,716.37
Location unknown														
11/4/47	Colby, Viola			50.00				50.00	56.80	1.24%	10.73		67.53	117.53
5/2/28	Gilman, Hattie A.			150.00				150.00	756.82	3.73%	32.19		789.01	939.01
Sub TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUND				4,025.50				4,025.50	12,947.90	100.00%	863.96		13,811.86	17,837.36
North Goshen-South														
1/7/41	Redington, Ida M.								4,459.72		354.02		4,813.74	4,813.74
TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUND				4,025.50					17,407.62	100.00%	1,217.98	0.00	18,625.60	22,651.10

Appropriations and Expenditures, 2007

Title of Appropriation	Amount	Expended	Balance	Overdraft
Executive	$42,814.00	$38,733.00	$4,081.00	-
Election/Registration	$30,617.00	$29,357.00	$1,260.00	-
Financial Administration	$32,982.00	$36,198.00	($3,216.00)	($3,216.00)
Legal Expense	$30,000.00	$56,491.00	($26,491.00)	($26,491.00)
Personnel Administration	$22,224.00	$21,081.00	$1,143.00	
Planning & Zoning	$14,341.00	$3,281.00	$11,060.00	
General Government Building	$28,950.00	$40,463.00	($11,513.00)	($11,513.00)
Cemeteries	$3,500.00	$3,313.00	$187.00	
Insurance	$91,365.00	$63,471.00	$27,894.00	
Advertising & Regional	$906.00	$906.08	($0.08)	($0.08)
Police Department	$82,582.00	$78,720.00	$3,862.00	
Ambulance Service	$6,427.00	0	$6,427.00	$6,427.00
Fire Department	$21,000.00	$21,142.00	$0.00	($142.00)
Building Inspection	$1,600.00	$1,332.00	$268.00	
Emergency Management	$400.00	$0.00	$400.00	-
Forestry Department	$3,400.00	$2,096.00	$1,304.00	-
Highway Admin	$67,160.00	$65,950.00	$1,210.00	-
Highway & Streets	$81,880.00	$226,447.00	($144,567.00)	($144,567.00)
Street Lights	$350.00	$248.00	$102.00	
Solid Waste Admin.	$22,927.00	$21,142.00	$1,785.00	
Solid Waste Disposal	$81,886.00	$62,209.00	$19,677.00	
Sewage Disposal	$1,200.00	$1,111.00	$89.00	
Health & Pest Control	$1,245.00	$675.00	$570.00	
Health Agencies	$5,136.00	$4,386.00	$750.00	
Welfare	$14,855.00	$28,569.00	($13,714.00)	($13,714.00)
Hep. B Shots	$500.00	$0.00	$500.00	-
Revaluation of Property	$6,545.00	$2,025.83	$4,519.17	
Library	$12,157.00	$12,157.00	$0.00	
Patriotic Purposes	$300.00	$0.00	$300.00	
Conservation Commission	$1,300.00	$1,300.00	$0.00	-
T.A.N.S	$3,000.00	$0.00	$3,000.00	
Outlay:				
Art. 8 - Fire Truck	$21,896.00	$21,896.00		
Art. 9 - Police Truck	$29,000.00	$28,805.00		
Art. 12 Backhoe	$12,000.00	$11,919.97		
Art. 13 - Paving CR	$3,500.00	$1,750.00		
Art. 18 - Highway Furnace	$5,500.00	$3,000.00		
Art - Town Hall Repairs	$14,500.00	$15,000.00		
Art. 20 - Special Arrt	$1,000.00	$0.00		
Art. 17 - CR'S	$46,600.00	$21,300.00		

Title of Appropriation	Amount	Expended	Balance	Overdraft
Art. 28 - Special Revenue	$12,000.00	$700.00		
Art. 30 - Town Hall Repairs	$14,500.00	$15,000.00		
Art. 20 - Capital Reserves	$37,770.00			
TOTALS	**$911,815.00**	**$942,174.88**	**-109,112.91**	**-193,216.08**
Treasurer, Sullivan County		$171,130.00		
Abatements & Refunds		$4,658.00		
Goshen-Lempster School		$875,042.00		
TOTAL EXPENDED		**$1,993,004.88**		



Photo by Elmer & Arthur Nelson, circa 1898


View of boarding school for young women on Cross Road (near Brook Road), built by Eleazear Farr.
Photo by Elmer & Arthur Nelson, circa 1898

Conservation Commission

The Goshen Conservation Commission continues to maintain the Ruth LeClair Memorial Trail at Gunnison Lake, and plans to replace one or two picnic tables at Williamson Park this Spring. No work is planned for the town's Rand Pond Beach due to parking and access restrictions by the state. The sixty acres of land donated by Hazel Johnson to the town and named "Memorial Park" is monitored once a year by the Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Trust (ASLPT) which holds the easement on the property. This year's monitoring visit by ASLPT volunteers disclosed that some boundary markers were missing, so the commission will have this area surveyed and marked. Much of the property consists of wetlands and old logging slash and is very difficult to navigate.

Several members attended a "Land Summit" workshop this Fall hosted by ASLPT. The Commission is represented on ASLPT's Outreach Committee which educates its member towns about conservation issues.

The Commission voted to donate $8,000 to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) to conserve 1,095 acres on the eastern slope of Mt. Sunapee (known as the "Pillsbury-Sunapee Ridge Forest Easement Project"). This easement protects 845 acres in Newbury and 250 acres in Goshen. These two properties are critcal links in the 15,000-acre chain of protected lands that stretch from Mount Sunapee to Pillsbury State Park. The Goshen tract runs parallel to the main stem of the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway in the triangle between the main trail and the Five Summers Trail.

The Conservation Commission had some involvement in Goshen's first Site Review Plan, at the request of the Planning Board, in regard to Mountain Reach Development on Province Road. Several members attended joint meetings and hearings, and joined a slippery walk around the property last winter. Members also worked with the Planning Board to find an easement holder and on easement wording.

Commission members conducted seven water tests on the Sugar River, Gunnison Brook, Blood Brook and Giles Brook between May and September as part of the NH Volunteer River Assessment Program. Two meters provided by the state were old and failing, so we bought replacements to keep for ourselves. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) will still loan us a third meter and kit and will maintain our meters. We test for eColi, phosphorus, turbidity, pH, dissolved oxygen, water temperature, and specific conductance. DES will send us a report on our water sampling results in the Spring of 2008.

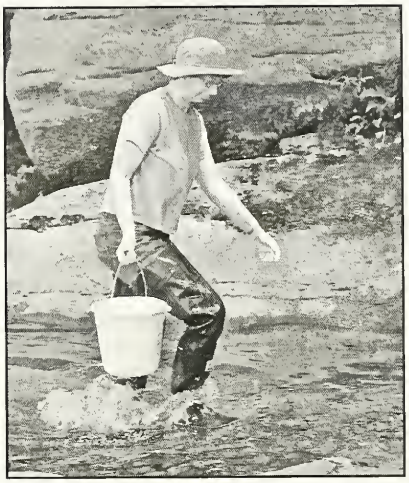
We plan to sponsor one Goshen student to a conservation camp this summer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Jillette, Chair



ASLPT volunteers confer with Gary Dennis on a monitoring visit.



Sandy Sonnichsen hauls water from the Sugar River at Lear Hill for water testing.

2007 Treasurer's Report
Conservation Commission Special Account

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/07	$20,844.15
RECEIPTS:	
TOWN APPROPRIATION 2007	$650.00
TOWN APPROPRIATION 2007	$650.00
INTEREST EARNED	$116.93
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$1,416.93
EXPENSES:	
NH ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS	$175.00
JANITORIAL SERVICES RAND POND	$200.00
SIGNS	$178.00
WATER TESTING METERS	$1,468.15
FOREST SOCIETY EASEMENT	$8,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	$10,021.15
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/07	**$12,239.93**

PREPARED BY HEATHER PECKHAM, TREASURER

Fire Department

The Goshen Fire Dept. answered 79 calls-for-services (CFS) in the year 2007. The breakdown of the CFSs is as follows:

Medical Emergencies	.27
Wires/trees	.06
Mutual Aid	.10
Auto Accident	.24
Brush Fires	.01
Smoke\fire alarm	.06
Flooding	.01
Fire Calls	.02
Public Assist	.01
Snowmobile Acc.	.01

Many of these CFSs require both fire department and rescue squad to respond. If these were separated in to individual organizations, there would be almost a 50% increase.

The rescue squad has started holding their own meetings to keep up with the growing needs of the squad's trained individuals. We currently have 5 EMTs with one recently becoming an EMT-I. We are proud to see the growth and the commitment the squad has made in the recent years.

This year has been interesting to say the least.

A normal year was interrupted with heavy rains and snowfall in April that saw the Town go into a state of emergency. This was the first for the department as well as for me. The newly appointed Emergency Management Director (EMD), John Herr, called for this action after evaluating the status and contacting the State. This action would then allow for the Town to apply for and receive State and Federal aid. The fire station became an Emergency Operational Command (EOC) Center and was manned for 24 hours straight. The EOC is very important at the state level and to have one point of contact (EMD) from each town or city. This helps the Governor to assess with the status of the state and in requesting for State disaster funds. The Town received FEMA assisted funds for this action.

The department is now receiving our CFSs from a site on Mt. Sunapee. Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid, our dispatch, received permission to install an antenna on the mountain, which can now transmit clear instructions to most areas in Town.

August was a difficult month for the department. The 2002 E-one pumper (Engine 2) was involved in an accident. While responding to a call-for-service, it went off the road and into the soft shoulder. Luckily the two firefighters in the truck received only minor injuries. The truck was considered a total lost after many months of assessments. The Town carried an insurance policy, which would give full replacement value on fire vehicles. The Local Government Center (our insurer) paid off the remainder of the lease and applied the rest of the value towards the replacement of the truck. The replacement costs were made up from the capitol reserve set aside for the purchase of a fire truck that the Town had created in 1994. The Select board and I agreed that the replacement needed to be ordered as soon as possible. It was ordered just before January 1st and should be delivered in April.

A great deal of thanks goes to the Town of New Ipswich for the loan of an engine. On the night of the accident, their chief offered the use of the engine at the moment he heard of our misfortune. We had their engine in our station and in service within hours. This engine still remains in our service and will be until the replacement engine is delivered and put in service. This is part of the mutual aid we receive from changing our dispatches last year.

We still have a lack of room at the station. The department is rapidly outgrowing the current fire station and volunteering is becoming costly. Fuel cost to attend trainings, seminars, and meeting with other agencies to stay current with the demands have been mostly absorbed by our members.

The maintenance of our older trucks ('77 Ford Brush Breaker and '67 Mini Forestry) is becoming costly. State inspections are done twice a year on all the vehicles and vehicles of this age are difficult to find parts to make the necessary repairs. Our Engine 1, a 1976 International, which was refurbished in 1999, is starting to show its age again. It failed to be recertified as a pumper this summer. Its 1000 GPM pump peaked out at 840 GPM and estimates of $5,000 to $15,000 to rebuild were more than what is in the fire budget for maintenance. The truck has been moved to support status as a water tanker and water supply from a secondary attack pumper.

The Fire and Rescue departments urge all residents to call 911 for all forestry, fire and medical emergencies. This is the quickest way to ensure that help arrives in a timely manor. State your name, location, and emergency. Reporting emergencies by any other method will cause unnecessary delays

I would like to thank the firefighter's families for the understanding and patience in our efforts.

If you have any questions or concerns about fires, the fire dept., becoming a member of the Goshen Fire Dept., or joining the rescue squad, please contact any member of the fire dept., or myself, and we will be more than happy to help. Currently our meeting nights are as follows:

Dept. Training:
First Wednesday of the month

Rescue Meeting:
Second Monday of the month

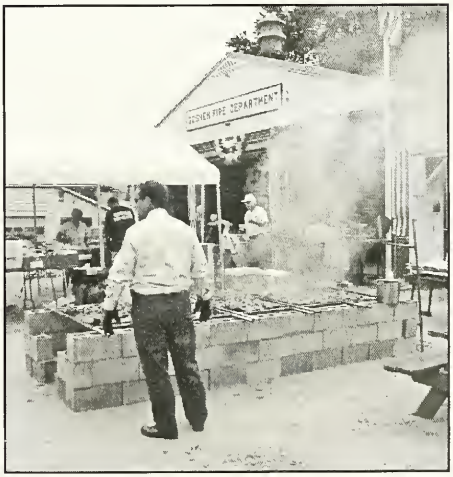
Business Meeting:
Third Tuesday of the month

Work Meeting:
Last Wednesday of the month

Thank you,

Ricky Shepard, Goshen Fire Chief

This fall, the Association sent another mailout asking for donations. The collections of these donations are placed in an account that is supervised by an Association treasurer and can only be spent by a vote of the Association. All money donated goes directly to the Association. If you have any concern on this matter, please contact any member of the Association or fire dept. Please support them with their efforts. The Association's purpose is to support the fire department and members. It has, in the past, bought equipment, paid for training, helped current members as well as past members at moments of distress, as well as bought gifts for the children at the Library Christmas party. These are just some of the activities they do with the funds raised with the chicken B-B-Q, raffles, and donations.



Old Home Day chicken barbeque.

Forest Fire Department Report

First of all I would like to again thank the commuity of Goshen for their continued support of the Goshen Forest Fire Department. With this type of community support and appreciation we are able to continue to upgrade the equipment for the fire fighters and the town. We are also able to receive additional trainings for the Firefighters, Warden, and Deputy Wardens. It is imperative that I do thank the Deputy Wardens for all the extra time they put into this department, the Fire fighters here in Goshen that give so much and ask for so little, most of all *Warden* Daniel Peterson, *Deputy Wardens* Ed Baker, Gordon Bartlett, John Herr, John Hopkins, Chris Moen, Jan Parmalee, Ricky Shepard, Clark Wamsley, Jack Warburton.

In review of 2007 we did experience another relatively wet year resulting in very little fire activity in this immediate area. Goshen did host a NHFF1 Forest Fighting Course. This class is a very in depth book, safety, and practical hands on orientated fire fighting training course. Goshen is very fortunate to have three more certified fire fighters that completed this multi day course with other attendees from area fire departments.

Hosting a course does take a lot to coordinate and to be fortunate enough to have a location to allow for the practical exam to take place. A special thanks goes out to the Goshen fire Department personnel and Gordon Bartlett for their assistance at this training. The annual Warden/Deputy Warden training was held in Wilmot and was attended very well. Other events that the Goshen Forest Fire Department participated in 2007 were the Goshen Old Home Day Parade with another visit from Smokey Bear. Goshen Fire Deparmtent continues to host the July dinner and meeting of the Grafton Sullivan Forest Fire Wardens Association. A special thanks goes out to the many volunteers of the Goshen Fire Services Association for their assistance at this event.

Over the past year we did issue over 150 fire permits in the town of Goshen. We thank you for extending your courtesy to our families and to call ahead of time for your fire permits. As you know we are not always home and can not assist on short notice.

I do like to remind you that you are responsible for any fire that you light. Per NH State laws you could be held financially responsible for any cost to extinguish, any damage associated with a fire that gets away from you, or caused by you. I also can not stress enough about trying to keep a green space around your home to help protect it from wild fires. New laws in the state require that all these small chiminear or small portable fire places require a fire permit and should never by placed on a deck or within 25 feet of a structure.

NHDES also reminds you that it is illegal to burn any trash, plastics, painted or furniture, or demoliton debris. Special laws are now in place in the State of NH for demolition materials and it is best to dispose of them at the transfer station.

Daniel Peterson,
Goshen Forest Fire Warden

For any and all EMERGENCY CALLS in NH call 911
Goshen Fire Rescue and Forest Fire Department personnel are Dispatched through SWNHDFMA located in Keene, NH.
The Non Emergency Dispatch number is 352-1291
The Goshen Fire Station Non Emergency number is 863-2525
FOR FIRE PERMITS IN GOSHEN PLEASE CONTACT US AFTER 5 PM:
DAN PETERSON 863-4506 / JOHN HERR 863-6803 / CHRIS MOEN 865-5016
CLARK WAMSLEY 863-1009 / JACK WARBURTON 863-3143

Friends of the Goshen Grange Hall (FOGGH)



The Friends continue to conduct money-raising flea markets in the Grange Hall during the warm months of the year. If you have good items that you no longer want, but can't bear to throw out, consider donating them to FOGGH. Call Fred Trommsdorff at 863-2045 or Jan Parmalee at 863-1768.

The upper hall has been painted, the heating system is being resurrected, and plans are in the works to replace the upstairs stage curtains and put protective headings over the painted curtains.

The Grange Hall wedding of Nikole Lord and Robert Johnson on October 13, 2007 heralds the first rental of the building under town ownership.

The *Friends* conducted their second community holiday celebration this year with a lighted tree and lights on the Grange Hall and Town Hall. Eleven residents placed their special holiday collections in the Town Hall for viewing, Goshen-Lempster eighth grade students sold poinsettias and gifts to raise money for their class trip, and Jerry Putnam & Tom Pirozzoli and Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School students provided musical entertainment.

Another money-raising calendar is in the works for 2009. It is titled "Living Free in New Hampshire" and will feature fourteen months containing seven women and nine male "models." Some of these models are severely clothes-challenged while others are only modestly so. Most, but not all, are Goshen residents. We thank each one of them for taking time out of their busy lives to help us raise money for Grange Hall renovations.

Beatrice Jillette,
Secretary



Jerry Putnam (left) and Tom Pirozzoli.



Goshen-Lempster students with music teacher Pam Waltzer and parent, Mr. Tremblay.

Highway Department

The months of January through March were normal and uneventful in 20007, but the April storms brought havoc to the town's road system. The damage to each and every road was severe and costly in terms of time and money to replace lost culverts, bridge damage, road shoulder & drainage ditch repairs, and rutted, washed out and washboard road surfaces. The recovery operations lasted well into the Fall with the complete replacement of an old stone culvert at Four Corners Road.

In early November the Highway Department was reduced down to only the Assistant Road Agent and adhoc part-time employees to keep the roads in order throughout the winter season.

The temporary loss of our Assistant road Agent to an off-the-job injury and subsequent surgery in January 2008 left the department severely shorthanded and consequently the department struggled to keep up with the plowing and sanding operations during a very icy and snowy winter, so far this year.

The Board of Selectmen is looking to the future direction and management of the Highway Department with the outcome of a Town Meeting warrant article in March.

Hopefully the problems of this past year can be corrected, and the Highway Department can move forward in its mission to properly care for and maintain our roads.

Thank you for your patience as we undergo this transformation.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen



"The Three Great Snow Storms of 1898," Center Road / Photo by Elmer & Arthur Nelson

Historical Society

The Goshen Historical Society is open to anyone interested in the history of our town AND in making that history accessible to all by establishing a permanent display and research space for papers, books and artifacts now stored away. Our society meets quarterly and supports programs of historical interest throughout the year.

In 2007 our president Ethel Nilsen and Sandy Sonnichsen were instrumental in planning the Old Home Day festivites. The parade, enlivened by the youngsters of the Goshen-Lempster School, highlighted the Goshen manufactured Hunter-Nelson wheelbarrows. Members also helped John Pike celebrate his 100th birthday on Memorial Day weekend. The Historical Society's bowl for the oldest Goshen resident was inscribed with his name and is now on display at the Olive G. Pettis Library.



John Pike at the celebration of his 100th birthday.

A program called This Old Goshen House is being planned for our April meeting. We will be in touch with the owners of some of the oldest houses in Goshen and hope that a number of them will be willing to share their pictures and stories during the afternoon of April 26th. In addition, this summer, we are planning to interview and video tape our older residents for memories of Goshen in years past.

It is our hope that many more folks will become interested in the work of the historical society, that we will be able to increase our membership and continue to make the preservation of Goshen's history a priority. After all, we believe we are the only town in New Hampshire that has sucessfully celebrated two bicentennials. The 1969 bicentennial honored the first settlers and the 1991 celebration marked the incorporation of Goshen from adjoining portions of Newbury, Sunapee, Newport, Unity, Lempster and Washington. It's quite a story! Join us and learn more.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Stephan,
Secretary



Do you recognize this house and/or these people? This photograph was shot by Elmer and Arthur Nelson of Goshen, circa 1900, and represents one of the many artifacts the Goshen Historical Society wants to identify and preserve.

Olive G. Pettis Library

This is an abbreviated report. The full report was written and handed in to the Town Office before it was due; however, it was misplaced and I did not have time to research all sets of minutes to write another full report.

In addition to all the usual events planned and presented to the public during the year, there were several very important occurrences requiring attention. First: the retirement of Librarian Ethel Nilsen who served 12 years and worked to make the library an inviting and interesting place. Second was the search for a new librarian and this position was filled by Cyndi Phillips whose plans for restructuring the areas of the building and whose innovative ideas promise a great future for our institution. To give the library designated spaces for computer users, a quiet reading space, a children's area, etc. means a lot of work for the Trustees and volunteers as well as for Cyndi.

Unfortunately, the year also saw the resignation of three valuable Trustees: Sandy Sonnichsen, Nancy Wideberg and Diane Landry. Most of the townspeople do not know the amount of work and planning which go into being a Trustee. RSA's must be studied and followed, conferences, special meetings, and planned events occupy many hours and the loss of one Trustee is bad enough -- but three is impossible. Educating new Trustees is a challenging job.

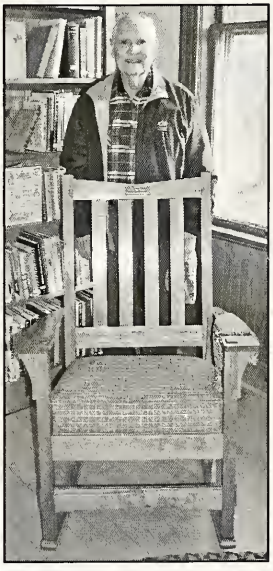
To end on a less somber note: the Trustees thank the Goshen Firemen and Emergency Personnel for all their help, Linda Fornier for her hard work with the garden and inside decorations, the many hours volunteers have donated to clearing the shelves of old, rarely used books and replacing them with recent acquisitions, gifts from people such as the beautiful handmade rocker, a printer, monetary and book donations, etc. and finally to the Selectmen and Town budget Committee for working so hard to help the Trustees and Librarian come to grips with its 2008 budget request. If I have forgotten to thank a deserving person or institution, please forgive. Thank you.

Lilyan Wright,

Chairperson, Library Trustees



A rocking chair, crafted by Ernie Dennis, Sr. was donated to the library by The Friends of Mt. Sunapee in memory of Pen Meyer.





Olive G. Pettis Library Treasurer's Report, 2007

Balance Brought Forward 1/1/2007	$11,496.87
RECEIPTS	
Beginning Balance	$12,157.00
Interest	$10.55
Total	$23,664.42
EXPENDITURES	
Payroll, FICA, Medicare Jan. 2007- Dec. 2007	$7,866.53
Subscriptions, Books	$1,000.00
Technology	$1,037.38
Printing and Advertising	$156.30
Supplies	$403.15
Memberships (ALA & NH Library Trustees)	$160.00
Maintenance	$283.54
Programs	$1,082.50
Workshops and Professional Meetings	$145.00
Open Bank Accounts	$120.00
Total 12,254.40	
Ending Balance	$11,410.02

Planning Board

The Goshen Planning Board meets on the first and last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall. Hearings are frequently held on meeting nights, but may be held at other times to accommodate schedules of participants. All hearings are advertised, as are any other meetings that are held at times other than regular meeting times. All meetings are open to the public.

Because of the number of requests that are received for Board time, individuals with business to bring before the Board are asked, whenever possible, to contact the chairperson for scheduling at least three business days before the meeting.

The Planning Board conducted 25 public meetings during 2007, including regular meetings and public hearings. In addition, the Board conducted two site visits at gravel excavation sites within the Town, and a representative of the Board conducted a site walk for the Mountain Reach development.

This year the Board approved two minor subdivisions. It also met on a number of occasions with Mountain Reach Development Group, LLC to work through compliance with condition requirements for final approval of their condominium development project. This was a process that took place over 12 continuations of a public hearing. The development was approved on January 8, 2008 and mylars were signed and dated on February 5, 2008.

Beyond its subdivision and site plan review business, the Board conducted a variety of other business. Four Planning Board members attended training sessions sponsored by the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning (OEP). Vice Chairperson Allen Howe also acted as a presenter and participant at a "Land Summit" conference sponsored by Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

In July, the NH Supreme Court upheld the legality of local excavation regulations that the Goshen Planning Board had adopted in 2004. Guildhall Sand & Gravel had initiated a law suit against the Town, claiming that Goshen could not adopt regulations substantively more stringent than the minimum standards set forth in State Statute RSA 155-E. As a result of the court's decision, commercial sand and gravel excavation operations in Goshen, as well as in all New Hampshire communities, are now required to comply with reasonable local regulations as well as with RSA 155-E.

The Board took an active role in reviewing and making public comment on a proposal by Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) and the Lempster Wind project to change the existing utility poles and lines along Route 10 through Goshen. While taking no official position on the wind farm itself, members of the Planning Board, along with the Select Board, unanimously agreed that installing more numerous as well as larger poles with additional heavy wires would create an industrial look that would be out of keeping with Goshen's small town appearance. In pursuit of a better solution, the combined boards sought legal advice from the Town's Attorney. Acting on this advice, the Town gained legal status as an "intervenor" in the project in order to provide testimony – strictly about the proposed poles and wires in Goshen – to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) as it reviewed the project. Following a meeting in Goshen that involved representatives of the SEC and all parties to the proposed project, PSNH agreed to limit the size and number of poles that will be erected through the village area of Goshen. In addition, Lempster Wind agreed to compensate the Town for the legal expenses it incurred in connection with the project and to provide an additional cash mitigation fund that the Town may use to improve the village area and hopefully offset some of the visual impact of the proposed utility system.

This settlement was essentially a compromise that will provide some benefit to the Town.

In March of 2007, the Planning Board proposed several zoning changes. Among the changes that voters approved were ones that strengthened the protections for open space and steep slope developments.

After obtaining public input, the Board drafted one proposed zoning change for voters to consider at the March 2008 town balloting. This proposal stems from citizens' concerns expressed to the Select Board and the Planning Board about unreasonable noise experienced near their homes. This proposal was reviewed by the Planning Board at a public hearing and has been available for public inspection at the Town Office.

As the new year commences, the Board looks forward to assuming new responsibilities, including those to update the Town's Master Plan. The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission has submitted a proposal for the Planning Board to consider that would employ their services to assist with some of the tasks necessary to update the current plan. A "visioning session" to explore public attitudes will be an early step in this process.

The Board also expects to conduct a site plan review of the New England Handicapped Sports Association's proposal to design a new facility on Goshen land within Sunapee State Park. This facility would replace a small existing building with a much larger, more accessible facility that would better serve the needs of an increasing number of sports-oriented handicapped citizens, including many veterans.

The Board would like to express appreciation to Suzanne Peacock, our secretary, and to a number of other people who have been helpful during the past year. As in the past, Attorney Bernard Waugh, Jr. provided timely and essential legal advice and Planner Peter Dzewaltowski from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission continued to work with the Board as a Town consultant (paid by the applicant) during the Mountain Reach hearing process. Mr. Dzewaltowski supplied useful information on other subjects when requested. Finally, the Board wishes to thank those Goshen citizens and interested individuals who attended public hearings and, through their comments, provided guidance and assistance to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Goshen Planning Board
John C. Wirkkala, Chair

Town of Goshen 2007 Treasurer's Report
Summary of Planning Board Special Account

Beginning Balance 1/1/07	$685.00
Deposits Made in 2007	$3,000.00
Total Deposits	$3,000.00
Less Payments Made to UFLSRPC	$1,400.00
Reimburse Town of Goshen for payment Made Through General Fund	$468.47
Ending Balance 12/31/07	**$1,816.53**

Prepared by *Heather Peckham, Treasurer*

Police Department

In my 14 years with the Goshen Police Department, 2007 has been the busiest year yet. We are now providing many more services than when I started my career with the department. Our main effort continues to be "Community Focused Policing." Our Calls for Service in 2007 have increased by 394 over the previous year. This is a large increase for a small department and has required Officer Domey and myself to spend more time in the office working on our increased case load. One large case alone took us hundreds of hours of investigation and documentation to prepare for the County Attorney's office.

I would like to thank the Town for their support of our new Police Cruiser. After town meeting I shopped around to get the best deal, and was able to purchase a 2007 Dodge Ram 1500, as opposed to a 2006 leftover for the same money. The town gained a much better equipped truck. The "CAR 54" grant was secured and installed in April of 2007. With this grant, we now have two fully equipped Police Cruisers. Having two cruisers has proven to be invaluable to the department in more ways than was anticipated. Two examples are: Our '03 Crown Vic was out of service for a week with electrical problems, and we continued to work as normal. Secondly, during the grants we received, Officer Domey continued his normal patrol duties while other officers were out working the enforcement grants. My intention is to have my full time officer utilize the pickup truck during winter and mud season. The Crown Vic will be used during the rest of the year. The truck has proven to be a great asset to the town with its 4x4 capability, allowing us to expand our patrol coverage. We have been called upon to go onto our many Class IV roads that our car is not capable of responding to.

In 2007 I managed to write and be accepted for four grants, totaling approximately $25,000. This has upgraded our equipment, provided more patrol on the roads, and 25 bicycle helmets for our children. These helmets were handed out during a bicycle safety class and during Old Home Day. We are contnuing to write grants for the 2008 year.

Our new Non-Emergency phone number (863-0275) has been used regularly and seems to be working well. We have seen an increase in House Check Requests, Vin Verifications, fingerprints for school employment and Pistol Licenses. We are very happy to continue to provide these services to the towns' people and encourage you to contact us. We are an active member of the Goshen/Lempster School Safety committee, and the School has made great progress in the ongoing effort of keeping our children safe. Due to the increase in the value of metal, our area has seen a significant increase in thefts. We feel we were targeted with such a theft of the Gunnison Lake sign at the dam. Be aware that any metal objects left outside are possible targets.

I would like to commend Officer Domey for his apprehension of an illegal immigrant in the Town of Goshen. During a routine traffic stop, Officer Domey's investigation discovered that the Department of Homeland Security had an active felony warrant for this subject's arrest. He arrested the subject, transported him to our holding facility, where he was handed to the Department of Homeland Security for deportation.

Please remember to have your dogs licensed by April 1 of each year. It's the law! When you do not register your dog, it causes many unnecessary hours of work for the Town Clerk and our department.

I would like to thank all of my officers for their continued service to the town of Goshen. I believe I have assembled a very educated and strong team. Without them my job would be much harder.

As always, I would like to thank the Goshen Highway Department and Fire Department for their continued service to the Town of Goshen, as well as assisting the Police Department any time we call. We worked very well together during last April's floods. Everybody did a great job! I would also like to thank the citizens of Goshen for their continued support throughout the years that I have been with the Goshen Police Department,

Sincerely,

Edward Andersen, Chief of Police

2007 Police Calls for Service

CALLS FOR SERVICE	2006	2007	+/-
Be On The Lookout	15	17	+2
Theft	8	8	0
Assault	0	3	+3
Criminal Threatening	2	4	+2
Criminal Trespass	3	20	+17
Stalking	1	2	+1
Fraud	1	1	0
Identity Theft	1	0	-1
Criminal Mischief	4	8	+4
Rape	1	0	-1
Traffic Offense Warnings	218	297	+75
Motor Vehicle Complaints	7	20	+13
Driving After Suspension	3	2	-1
DWI	1	2	+1
Abandoned Vehicle	1	3	+2
Motor Vehicle Unlock	1	0	-1
Parking Violations	3	3	0
Parking Complaint	0	2	+2
OHRV Complaints	3	4	+1
OHRV Citations	0	7	+7
Littering - Illegal Dumping	3	6	+3
Animal - Complaint	26	47	+21
Assist Fire/Police/Ambulance	11	52	+41
Assist - Public Works/EOC	11	4	-7
Missing Person	3	2	-1
Citizen Request Assistance	13	27	+14
House Check Requests	8	19	+11
Business Checked	76	79	+3
Welfare Check	1	8	+7
Public Relations/Lectures	6	6	0
Paper Work Relay/Service	6	21	+15
Civil Issue/Standby	7	19	+12
Warrants Criminal	5	3	-2
Wires Down	4	7	+3
Illegal Alien	0	1	+1
Fingerprints for School	1	2	+1
Residential Lockout	0	1	+1
Property Returned	0	1	+1
Possess Stolen Property	0	3	+3
Death Notification	3	0	-3
Arrests	15	12	+5
Protective Custody	0	1	+1
Domestic Dispute	0	2	+2
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	+1
Burglary	2	1	-1
Fraud Bad Checks	2	0	-2
Counterfeit	0	2	+2
Harassing Communication	1	3	+2

CALLS FOR SERVICE	2006	2007	+/-
Pistol License	7	30	+23
Traffic Offense Citation	66	95	+29
Possession of Drugs	1	0	-1
Traffic Accident	13	29	+16
Open Container	0	1	+1
Transporting Alcohol	2	1	-1
VIN Inspections	5	19	+14
Stranded Motorist	2	11	+9
Road Hazard	3	18	+15
Vehicle Repossession	0	5	+5
Sex Offender Registration	1	2	+1
Sex Offender Registration Violation	1	0	-1
Hunting Violations	1	2	+1
Shots Fired	3	5	+2
Noise Disturbance	3	1	-2
Juvenile Complaint	2	3	+1
911 Hangup Calls	5	13	+8
House Checked	207	185	-22
Building Alarm	13	11	-2
Directed Patrol	83	86	+3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	5	16	+11
Unwanted Subject	1	3	+2
Open Door/Window	1	5	+4
Search Warrants	2	2	0
Detail	1	3	+2
Police Information	5	17	+12
Bomb Threat	0	1	+1
Property Lost	2	6	+4
Property Found	1	4	+3
TOTAL	**913**	**1,307**	**+394**

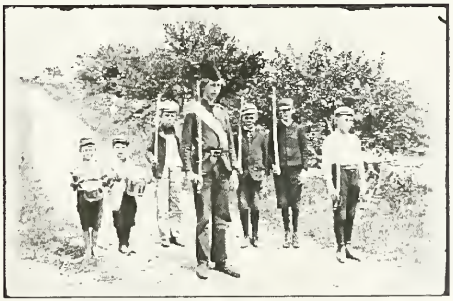


Photo by Elmer & Arthur Nelson, 1897

Cemetery Commission

This was another productive year for the Goshen Cemetery Commission. We started with a thorough spring cleanup at the Mill Village Cemetery. Once again Goshen was privileged to receive free help from the inmates at Sullivan County Correctional Facility. A large amount of brush was removed in addition to repainting the front fence. Thanks to Officer Howard, Ron Kempton and Mark Beaudry for their help with this project.

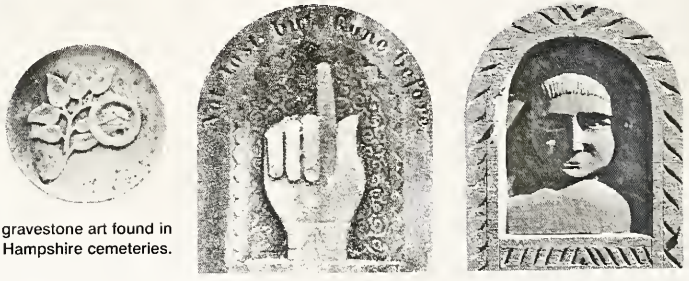
As previously proposed, our efforts this year were directed at cleaning and restoration rather than large scale capitol improvements. To this end we hired the services of Ken Strully who provided many hours of work with a scrub brush and a plastic scraper. Using a non-invasive anti-microbial cleanser (D2) Ken was able to manually clean about half the stones in the North Goshen Cemetery. This section is much improved in appearance although not dramatically whitened as would be achieved by invasive cleaning techniques. Your commissioners have chosen to use retoration techniques that preserve the long term integrity of the stone. This is in contrast to pressure washing, media blasting, or bleaching procedures that produce quick results but cause significant deterioration of the stone over time. In this way we preserve the beautiful art work and interesting epitaphs for future generations to enjoy. Next year we hope to expand our cleaning efforts by finishing the North Goshen Cemetery and starting on the Four Corners Cemetery.

Arthur Jillette continued to manage our burials and serve as President of the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association. Tom Luck of TKL Enterprise mows the cemeteries three times a year. This past summer we had some heavy growth of grass due to all the rain befor the second mowing on July 4th was done. Due to some complaints about the heavy growth we met with the selectmen to discuss the mowing schedule. Considering the cost of this service the selectmen advised that keeping the current mowing schedule intact was recommended. Thank you again to Eric and Kirsten Nelson who replaced all the veteran's flags for Memorial Day.

Next year we plan to work primarily in the Four Corners Cemetery. This cemetery has sustained some damage and overgrowth in recent years as we have focused our efforts elsewhere. We plan to conduct our spring cleanup there and get the front picket fence repaired. The cemetery commission has also voted to increase our budget request for 2008 which has remained level for the past four years. The requested increase is due to the rising cost of our mowing contract and a desire to continue with our moderately ambitious restoration plans. We again thank the Town of Goshen for all your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Lars Nelson, Chair



Examples of gravestone art found in New Hampshire cemeteries.

Select Board

As members of the Goshen Select Board, it has been out honor to lead and support the varied operations, committees, boards and organizations that provide services to the town and its citizenry.

As you peruse this year's annual report, we hope you will come to realize the full scope of effort required for our town to operate both effectivey and efficiently. Behind every department, board, and committee are the individuals who put in many, many hours working, planning, and training to keep up with the tasks at hand. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated people who work tirelessly to keep our town going on a day-to-day basis and also those who are willing and able to rise to the occasion in times of crisis. Oftentimes, the effort put in by these individuals seems to go unnoticed and without the deserved recognition. We, as a town, owe a great deal of thanks to them for their commitment and dedication to getting the job done. On behalf of the town, we thank you!

Sincerely,

Board of Selectmen

Jim Carrick, Chair

Edward Andersen, Sr.

Melanie Bell



Town Clerk and Tax Collector Annual Report

It is with pleasure that I report to you some of the projects the Office has been responsible for during the year of 2007. I am also pleased to welcome Cindy Williams who is Goshen's new Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

In July of 2007, the Town implemented the new Pay-as-you-Throw program. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the conversion. Please don't forget that the Goshen Country Store also sells the Transfer Station tickets.

Later in the year, the Local Government Center met with separate departments and explained the Job Study and Evaluation process. The Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office completed the portion of the study and returned the information to the Local Government Center. The final product will be submitted to the Selectmen for approval.

Throughout the year, I worked closely with the New Hampshire Vital Records Administration. After showing interest in a grant that the State was offering, as well as careful review of Goshen's vital records and speifie needs, the State accepted our application. Goshen's records are now stored in an environment that will help preserve them for many years to come.

Finally, the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's portion of the 2006 audit was approved.

Looking into the New Year, I would like to remind everyone about the new Town Clerk and Tax Collector Office hours.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Office Hours

Monday: 8:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Tuesday: 8:00am to Noon
Wednesday: 8:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Friday: Closed
Last Saturday of each month: 8:30am to 11:30 am
(excluding holiday weekends)

It has been a great pleasure working for each and every person in Goshen and we look forward to serving you in 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Page, Town Clerk and Tax Collector
Cindy Williams, Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector

State of
New Hampshire
Cheshire ss

To Mr. Allen Willey of Goshen in
Said County of Cheshire
Greeting

Pursuant to an Act of the General Court at their last Session holden at Portsmouth AD. 1791.

These are therefore in the name of the State of New Hampshire to will and Require you forthwith to warn all the free holders and other inhabitants of the Town of Goshen aforesaid (Incorporate) to assemble at the Dwelling House of Mr. John Wheeler in said Goshen on Thursday the Eighth Day of March next at ten of the O'clock in the forenoon then and there to Act on the following articles.

First: to choose a Moderator to Govern Said Meeting.

2.ly to choose all Necessary Town Officers for the Year ensuing.

3.ly to Raise such sum or sums of Money as shall be thought Needfull.

4.ly to see in what manner to make and Repair Highways and to act thereon.

also to act on any other matters that shall then and there be Deem'd Lawfull and Necessary.

Hereof fail not and make return thereof this Warrant with your doings thereon unto myself on or before said Eighth Day of March Next.

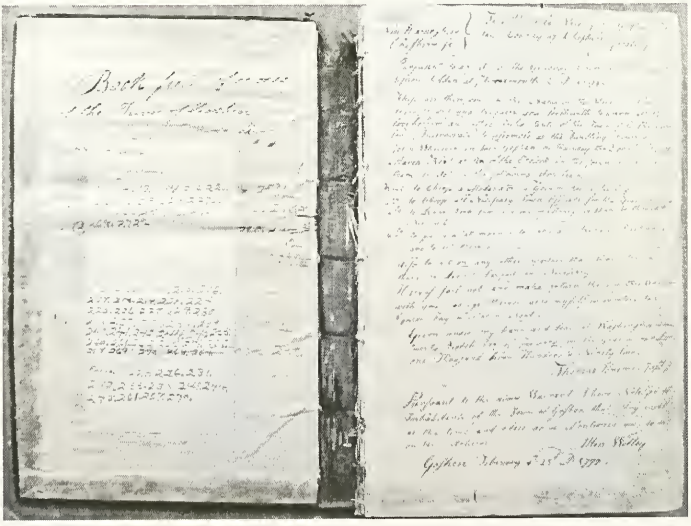
Given under my hand and Seal at Washington this Twenty Eighth Day of January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety two.

Thomas Penemon [?]

Pursuant to the above Warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Goshen that they meet at the time and place above Mentioned and to act on said articles.

Allen Willey

Goshen February 23, 1792



"Book first of records of the Town of Goshen," (transcription above).

Tax Collector's Report
for Year Ending December 31, 2007

TAX COLLECTOR MONIES:

LEVY OF 2007

Taxes Committed to Collector: 2007		
Property Tax	$	1,486,893.28
Yield Tax	$	3,258.59
Land Use Change Tax	$	10,350.00
Excavation Tax (materials)	$	872.97
Interest Collected On		
Property Tax	$	1,333.32
Overpayment	$	3,643.50
TOTAL DEBITS:	**$**	**1,506,351.66**
Remittances Made to Treasurer: 2007		
Property Tax	$	838,776.54
Yield Tax	$	2,419.40
Land Use Change Tax	$	9,350.00
Excavation Tax	$	872.97
Interest	$	1,333.32
Overpayment	$	3,643.50
Uncollected: 12/31/2007:		
Property Tax	$	648,116.74
Yield Tax	$	-
Land Use Change Tax	$	1,000.00
Abatements	$	839.19
TOTAL CREDITS:	**$**	**1,506,351.66**

LEVY OF 2006

Taxes Committed to Collector: 2007		
Property Tax	$	-
Yield Tax	$	-
Uncollected: 01/01/2007		
Property Tax	$	163,799.69
Yield Tax	$	3,428.07
Land Use Change Tax	$	4,200.00
Overpayments	$	514.14
Interest Collected		
Property Tax	$	11,501.49
TOTAL DEBITS:	**$**	**183,443.39**
Remittances Made to Treasurer: 2006		
Property Tax	$	133,886.26
Yield Tax	$	2,859.18
Interest on Property Tax	$	7,150.00
Overpayments	$	514.14
Uncollected: 12/31/2007		
Redemptions	$	34,833.81
Abatements	$	4,200.00
TOTAL CREDITS:	**$**	**183,443.39**

LEVY OF 2005

Uncollected: 01/01/2007		
Redemptions	$	47,922.62
Interest and Costs	$	4,172.36
TOTAL DEBITS:	**$**	**52,094.98**
Remittances Made to Treasurer: 2007		
Redemptions	$	21,475.15
Interest and Costs	$	4,172.36
Uncollected: 12/31/2007		
Redemptions	$	26,447.47
TOTAL CREDITS:	**$**	**52,094.98**

LEVY OF 2004

Uncollected: 01/01/2007		
Redemptions	$	30,820.66
Interest and Costs	$	10,986.77
TOTAL DEBITS:	**$**	**41,807.43**
Remittances Made to Treasurer: 2007		
Redemptions	$	30,820.66
Interest and Costs	$	10,986.67
Uncollected: 12/31/2007		
Redemptions	$	-
TOTAL CREDITS:	**$**	**41,807.33**

LEVY OF 2003

Uncollected: 01/01/2007		
Redemptions	$	651.72
Interest and Costs	$	25.73
TOTAL DEBITS:	**$**	**677.45**
Remittances Made to Treasurer: 2006		
Redemptions	$	651.72
Interest and Costs	$	25.73
Uncollected: 12/31/2007		
Redemptions	$	-
TOTAL CREDITS:	**$**	**677.45**

Town Clerk's Report
Year Ending December 31, 2007

RECEIPTS:

AUTO PERMIT FEES:

Registrations	$119,180.91

DOG LICENSES:

Licenses	$1,251.50
Penalties	$109.00
TOTAL DOG LICENSES	**$1,360.50**

MISCELLANEOUS:

Certificate of Titles	$292.00
Municipal Agent Fees	$3,040.00
UCC Filings	$230.00
Transfer Station Revenue	$12,400.00
Copies	$137.50
Vital Statistics	$312.00
Building Permits	$866.70
Zoning Regulations	$30.00
Subdivision Regulations	$43.00
Driveway Regulations	--
Sale of Checklists	--
Sale of Masterplan	--
Sale of History of Goshen	$200.00
Overpayments	$5.90
Miscellaneous	$135.00
NSF	$120.00
Filing Fees	$9.00
Postage	$25.86
Driveway Permits	$145.00
Occupancy Permits	--
Site Plan Review	$3.00
Miscellaneous (Fix Errors)	$7.05
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	**$17,987.91**
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$138,529.32**

Town Clerk's Remittances to Treasurer
Year Ending December 31, 2007

	2006 TOTALS	2007 TOTALS
Auto Permit Fees	$123,920.00	$119,180.91
Certificate of Titles	$388.00	$292.00
Municipal Agent Fees	$3,359.00	$3,040.00
Dog Licenses	$1,169.50	$1,251.50
Dog Licenses Penalties	$74.00	$109.00
UCC Filings	$300.00	$230.00
Transfer Station revenues	$4,128.25	$12,400.00
Copies	$203.25	$137.50
Vital Statistics	$211.00	$312.00
Building Permits	$1,250.15	$866.70
Zoning Regulations	$69.00	$30.00
Sub-Division Regulations	$50.00	$43.00
Driveway Regulations	$3.00	--
Sale of Checklists	$50.00	--
Sale of Masterplan	$40.00	--
Sale of History of Goshen	$100.00	$200.00
Overpayments	$15.05	$5.90
Miscellaneous	$90.00	$135.00
NSF	$60.00	$120.00
Filing Fees	$7.00	$9.00
Postage	$16.67	$25.86
Driveway Permits	$105.00	$145.00
Occupancy Permits	$30.00	--
Site Plan Review	$10.00	$3.00
Miscellaneous (Fix Errors)	$13.02	$7.05
TOTAL	**$135,635.85**	**$138,529.32**

2.13% OVERALL INCREASE IN TOWN CLERK REVENUES

Schedule of Town Property
December 31, 2007

DESCRIPTIONS	
Town Hall, Land & Buildings	$385,025.00
Furniture & Equipment	59,837.00
Furniture & Equipment	89,611.00
Police Department, Equipment	30,495.00
Fire Department, Land & Building	258,316.00
Equipment	305,500.00
Highway / Transfer Station, Land & Bldgs.	71,491.00
Highway Department Equipment	336,807.00
Transfer Station Equipment	63,300.00
Grange, Land & Buildings	372,859.00
Furniture & Equipment	31,323.00
TOTAL	2,178,711.00

2007 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION	
VALUE OF LAND ONLY	
Current Use (at C.U. values)	997,160.00
Residential	31,171,220.00
Commercial	974,200.00
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND	33,142,580.00
VALUES OF BUILDINGS ONLY	
Residential	42,761,240.00
Manufactured Housing	1,993,350.00
Commercial	1,263,635.00
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS	46,018,225.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES	684,653.00
TOTAL VALUATION	79,845,458.00
BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	
Elderly Exemptions	100,000.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	**$79,060,805.00**

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2007 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: GOSHEN

Gross Appropriations	843,545
Less: Revenues	434,119
Less: Shared Revenues	5,063
Add: Overlay	10,429
War Service Credits	25,900

Barbara Robinson
11/27/07

Net Town Appropriation	440,692		
Special Adjustment	0		
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		440,692	**TOWN RATE 5.53**

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0		
Regional School Apportionment	1,331,476		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(430,442)		
State Education Taxes	(174,290)		**LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 9.11**
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		726,744	

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	$2.24		**STATE SCHOOL RATE 2.20**
77,807,850		174,290	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
79,060,805			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
Pay to State →	0		

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	171,130		
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,591)		
Approved County Tax Effort		169,539	**COUNTY RATE 2.13**
			TOTAL RATE 18.97
Total Property Taxes Assessed		1,511,265	
Less: War Service Credits		(25,900)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)		0	
Total Property Tax Commitment		**1,485,365**	

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	79,060,805	2.20	174,290
All Other Taxes	79,745,458	16.77	1,336,975
			1,511,265

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Goshen
Goshen, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Goshen as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 as shown on pages 2 through 6. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Goshen's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

Management has not implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments.* Therefore these financial statements are presented following the principles that were in effect prior to GASB Statement No. 34. Management has not presented government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities and business-type activities. The financial statements presented do not contain separate statements for governmental and fiduciary fund types, nor are major and nonmajor funds separately identified and classified. The financial statements presented report expendable and nonexpendable trust funds, some of which should be reported as special revenue and permanent funds under the new reporting model. The financial statements also present a general long-term debt account group which should not be reported as such, but the information contained therein should be included in the government-wide financial statements were they presented. Also, the financial statements do not contain any information on capital assets because the government has not maintained historical cost records of such assets. Management has not presented a management's discussion and analysis as required. The amounts that would be reported in the missing statements and required supplementary information, and the effects of reclassifying and properly reporting the information presented are not reasonably determined.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matters discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Town of Goshen as of December 31, 2006, or the changes in its financial position or its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Goshen's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. For reasons stated in the third paragraph of this report, we expressed an opinion that the financial statements of the Town of Goshen do not fairly present financial position, results of operations, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Therefore, we do not express an opinion on the accompanying combining and individual fund schedules.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

October 23, 2007

NOTE: The full auditor's report may be viewed at the Town Office.

Treasurer's Report - Summary of General Cash Fund
Ending December 31, 2007

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TREASURER'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF GENERAL CASH FUND
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/07	$418,324.59
RECEIPTS:	
RECEIPTS FROM TAX COLLECTOR	$1,068,967.60
RECEIPTS FROM TOWN CLERK	126,129.32
RECEIPTS FROM SELECTMEN	319,060.59
RECEIPTS FROM CAPITAL RESERVES	21,356.00
CEMETERY DEPOSITS	700.00
NET AMOUNT FROM 2005 RECEIVED	12,079.89
INTEREST 2007	232.93
REVERSE VOIDED CHECKS	4,218.55
REIMBURSEMENT FROM PLANNING BOARD	468.47
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$1,553,213.35
LESS:	
2007 VENDOR VOUCHERS	$1,459,579.88
2007 PAYROLL VOUCHERS	177,509.57
IRS TAX PAYMENTS	44,630.38
JUNO INTERNET SERVICE	49.80
TOTAL EXPENSES	$1,681,769.63
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/07	$289,768.31

PREPARED BY:
HEATHER PECKHAM
TREASURER

Treasurer's Report - Received from Tax Collector

Ending December 31, 2007

	ORIG
2007 PROPERTY TAX	$838,776.54
2007 PROP TAX INTEREST	1,317.19
2007 YIELD TAX	2,419.40
2007 YIELD TAX INTEREST	16.13
2007 REDEMPTIONS	-
2007 REDEMPTIONS INTEREST & COSTS	-
2007 LAND USE CHANGE TAX	9,350.00
2007 LAND USE CHANGE INTEREST & COST	-
2007 EXCAVATION TAX ON MATERIALS	872.97
2007 EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX	-
2007 EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX INTEREST	-
2007 OVERPAYMENT	3,643.50
2007 NSF	30.00
TOTAL 2007	$856,425.73

2006 PROPERTY TAX	$119,910.66
2006 PROPERTY TAX INTEREST	5,768.84
2006 YIELD TAX	2,859.18
2006 YIELD TAX INTEREST	380.37
2006 REDEMPTIONS	13,975.60
2006 REDEMPTIONS INTEREST & COSTS	1,000.79
2006 CURRENT USE CHANGE TAX	-
2006 LAND USE CHANGE INTEREST & COST	-
2006 EXCAVATION TAX ON MATERIALS	-
2006 EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX	-
2006 EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX INTEREST	-
2006 OVERPAYMENT	514.14
2006 NSF	-
TOTAL 2006	$144,409.58

2005 PROPERTY TAX	$-
2005 PROPERTY TAX INTEREST	-
2005 YIELD TAX	-
2005 YIELD TAX INTEREST	-

2005 REDEMPTIONS	21,475.15
2005 REDEMPTIONS INTEREST & COSTS	4,172.36
2005 CURRENT USE CHANGE TAX	-
2005 LAND USE CHANGE INTEREST & COST	-
2005 EXCAVATION TAX ON MATERIALS	-
2005 EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX	-
2005 EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX INTEREST	-
2005 OVERPAYMENT	-
2005 NSF	-
TOTAL 2005	$25,647.51
2004 PROPERTY TAX	$-
2004 PROPERTY TAX INTEREST	-
2004 YIELD TAX	-
2004 YIELD TAX INTEREST	-
2004 REDEMPTIONS	30,820.66
2004 REDEMPTIONS INTEREST & COSTS	10,986.67
2004 CURRENT USE CHANGE TAX	-
2004 LAND USE CHANGE INTEREST & COST	-
2004 EXCAVATION TAX ON MATERIALS	-
2004 EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX	-
2004 EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX INTEREST	-
2004 OVERPAYMENT	-
2004 NSF	-
TOTAL 2004	$41,807.33
2003 PROPERTY TAX	$-
2003 PROPERTY TAX INTEREST	-
2003 YIELD TAX	-
2003 YIELD TAX INTEREST	-
2003 REDEMPTIONS	651.72
2003 REDEMPTIONS INTEREST & COSTS	25.73
2003 CURRENT USE CHANGE TAX	-
2003 LAND USE CHANGE INTEREST & COST	-
2003 EXCAVATION TAX ON MATERIALS	-
2003 EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX	-
2003 EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX INTEREST	-
2003 OVERPAYMENT	-
2003 NSF	-
TOTAL 2003	$677.45
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR	$1,068,967.60

PREPARED BY
HEATHER PECKHAM
TREASURER

Treasurer's Report - Received from Town Clerk

Ending December 31, 2007

MOTOR VEHICLE

PERMITS	$119,180.91
CERTIFICATE OF TITLES	$292.00
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES	$3,040.00
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE	$122,512.91

TRANSFER STATION REVENUE

PERMITS	$24.00
COUPONS	$12,376.00
TOTAL TRANSFER STATION	$12,400.00

DOG LICENSES:

DOG LICENSES ISSUED	$1,251.50
PENALTIES	$109.00
TOTAL DOG	$1,360.50

MISCELLANEOUS:

COPIES	$137.50
COPY OF CHECKLIST	-
SALE OF HISTORY OF GOSHEN	$200.00
SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS	$43.00
ZONING REGULATIONS	$30.00
DRIVEWAY REGULATIONS	-
SITE PLAN REGULATIONS	$3.00
BUILDING PERMIT	$66.70
OCCUPANCY PERMIT	-
DRIVEWAY PERMIT	$145.00
VITAL STATISTICS	$312.00
SALE OF MASTER PLAN	-
RECORDING FEE	-
FILING FEES	$9.00
UCC	$230.00
POSTAGE	$25.86
NSF	$120.00
OVERPAYMENT	$5.90
MISC. FIX ERROR	$(7.05)
MISC.	$70.00
MISC. (PROPERTY LABELS)	-
MISC. (SUBDIVISION FEES)	-
MISC. (TAX MAPS)	-
MISC. (TAXABLE PROPERTY LIST)	$60.00
MISC. (COPY OF CEMETERY BOOK)	-
NOTARY PUBLIC	$5.00
MISCELLANEOUS	$135.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	$2,255.91
GRAND TOTAL	$138,529.32

LESS TRANSFER STATION REVENUE	$12,400.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM TOWN CLERK	**$126,129.32**

PREPARED BY HEATHER PECKHAM, TREASURER

Treasurer's Report - Received from Transfer Station

Ending December 31, 2007

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/07	$30,906.27
DEPOSITS MADE IN 2007:	
PERMITS	$24.00
COUPONS	12,376.00
RECYCLING DEPOSITS	4,380.12
TOTAL DEPOSITS	16,780.12
INTEREST	179.54
TOTAL DEPOSITS	$16,959.66
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/07	$47,865.93

PREPARED BY
HEATHER PECKHAM
TREASURER

Treasurer's Report - Received from Selectmen

Ending December 31, 2007

OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES	$65,650.95
SHARED REVENUE BLOCK GRANT	$17,676.00
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	$34,187.47
STATE & FEDERAL FOREST REIMBURSEMENT	$1,088.79
REVENUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT	$45,166.06
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS	$5,721.10
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	$0.00
RENT OF TOWN PROPERTY	$50.00
INSURANCE DIVIDENDS & REIMBURSEMENT	$0.00
REVENUES FROM MISCELLANEOUS (TAN)	$0.00
OTHER	$149,520.22
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM SELECTMEN	**$319,060.59**



Center Road from Brickyard Road, by Elmer & Arthur Nelson, circa 1897

Vital Statistics for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

BIRTHS

January 6, 2007
Emily Miranda Peckham
to Edward and Heather Peckham
Place of Birth – Lebanon, NH

January 28, 2007
Harrison Blaise-Alan Larose
to Alan and Susan Larose
Place of Birth – Lebanon, NH

March 2, 2007
Jaiden David Robinson
to Derek and Christine Robinson
Place of Birth – Lebanon, NH

March 21, 2007
Michael Gabriel Threlfall
to Michael and Renee Threlfall
Place of Birth – Lebanon, NH

April 9, 2007
Nevaeh Mae Caron
to Mark Caron and Tracia Colby
Place of Birth – Claremont, NH

July 13, 2007
Peyton Paul Sargent
to Gregory and Shelly Sargent
Place of Birth – Claremont, NH

July 16, 2007
Kaitlyn Richele Costello
to Rick and Michele Costello
Place of Birth – Claremont, NH

July 26, 2007
Keegan Christopher Szelangowski
to Jennifer Howe
Place of Birth – Lebanon, NH

August 1, 2007
Elizabeth Jocelyn Howard
to Robert and Mary Claire Howard
Place of Birth – Claremont, NH

DEATHS

January 26, 2007
Richard White
son of Arthur White and Lora Freman
Place of Death – Lebanon, NH

July 23, 2007
Raymond Murgatroy Jr.
son of Raymond Murgatroy Sr.
and Ellen Koivisto
Lebanon, NH

December 5, 2007
Irene Tice
daughter of Peter Dearden and Amy Smith
Lebanon, NH

MARRIAGES

April 1, 2007
Leo L. Goyette of Goshen
to **Theresa A. Hannon** of Newport
Place of Marriage – Croydon, NH

May 12, 2007
Alan E. Greenhalgh of Goshen
to **Marriah L. Nix** of Goshen
Place of Marriage – Goshen, NH

October 6, 2007
Peter J. Hamel of Goshen
to **Melissa L. Cossingham** of Goshen
Place of Marriage – Goshen, NH

October 6, 2007
Steven F. Smith of Goshen
to **Bethany L. Drapeau** of Goshen
Place of Marriage – Sanbornton, NH

October 13, 2007
Robert O. Johnson of Goshen
to **Nickole R. Lord** of Goshen
Place of Marriage – Goshen, NH

November 22, 2007
Sean M. Colby of Goshen
to **Tecia P. Eriyo** of Lynn, MA
Place of Marriage – Claremont, NH

TOWN WARRANT

TOWN OF GOSHEN
The State of New Hampshire

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
on Tuesday, March 13, 2007

THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING WILL BEGIN
AT 6:30 PM on Saturday, March 17, 2007

To the inhabitants of the Town of Goshen in the County of Sullivan in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen Town Hall in said Goshen on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 2007, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM to act upon the following subjects:

Polls opened at 10:00 A.M. Officials attending were Arthur G. Jillette Jr., Moderator: Jessica Dennis, Deputy Town Clerk: Theresa Cutter, Peta Brennan, Susan Carrick and Dottie Bennett, Ballot Clerks: Ellen Winkler, Jane Galpin, Supervisors of the Checklist: James Carrick, Selectperson.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Selectperson, 3 Years-	Edward Andersen Sr.
Road Agent, 2 Years-	Mark Beaudry
Town Clerk, 3 Years-	Melissa A. Page
Tax Collector, 3 Years-	Melissa A. Page
Treasurer, 3 Years-	Heather Peckham
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 Years-	Deborah E. Hall
Cemetery Trustee, 3 Years-	Ronald Kempton
Library Trustee, 3 Years-	Marion W. Hook
Library Trustee, 3 Years-	Hannah Lockwood
Budget Committee, 3 Years-	Beatrice Jillette
Budget Committee, 3 Years-	Nickole Lord
Budget Committee, 3 Years-	Lilyan Wright
Planning Board, 3 Years-	John Wirkkala
Planning Board, 1 Year-	Jonathan Purick
Supervisor of the Checklist, 3 Years-	Nickole Lord (by tie breaker)

216 Ballots Cast 206 Regular and 10 Absentee Ballots

513 Names on Checklist-3 were New Registrations==43% Voted

RECORD OF VOTES CAST () Denotes names on ballots**

2. **Zoning Amendment No. 1: Non-conforming Buildings, Land and Uses**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No. 1. Official copies of the complete text are available at the Town Office and will be on display at the meeting. The following question will appear on the official ballot and is not subject to further amendment.

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Goshen Planning Board for the Goshen Zoning Ordinance? Amendment No. 1 adds a definition for a parking lot to Section II and modifies Section VI, Non-Conforming Buildings, Land or Uses. The amendment clarifies that the ordinance relates to both residential and commercial buildings on non-conforming land. It also clarifies that it is the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) and not some unspecified "Board" that may grant special exceptions. The amendment eliminates the existing "hardship" wording from the ordinance, which usually indicates that a variance (not a special exception) would be required. Elimination of the "hardship" requirement provides the ZBA more flexibility in reviewing requests for special exceptions."

133	70
YES	NO

AMENDMENT PASSES

3. **Zoning Amendment No. 2: Open Space Developments**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No. 2. Official copies of the complete text are available at the Town Office and will be on display at the meeting. The following question will appear on the official ballot and is not subject to further amendment.

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Goshen Planning Board for the Goshen Zoning Ordinance? This is an amendment of Section VII Open Space Developments. The purpose of the amendment is to define that only land which could be developed may be used to meet requirements under the Town's Open Space Developments ordinance. For the purpose of this proposal the developable land area is that portion of the tract remaining after deducting wetlands, floodplains, and slopes 25% and greater."

126	80
YES	NO

AMENDMENT PASSES

4. **Zoning Amendment No. 3: Building on Steep Slopes**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No. 3. Official copies of the complete text are available at the Town Office and will be on display at the meeting. The following question will appear on the official ballot and is not subject to further amendment.

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Goshen Planning Board for the Goshen Zoning Ordinance? This is an amendment to Section III, Districting and General Provisions, paragraphs B.5 and B.6. The purpose of this proposal is to specify that all buildings, not just residential buildings, would be covered by the existing protections for steep slopes."

125	83
YES	NO

AMENDMENT PASSES

5. **Zoning Amendment No. 4: Alteration of Terrain on Steep Slopes**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No. 4. Official copies of the complete text are available at the Town Office and will be on display at the meeting. The following question will appear on the official ballot and is not subject to further amendment.

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Goshen Planning Board for the Goshen Zoning Ordinance? This amendment is an addition of paragraph B.7 to Section III, Districting and General Provisions. The purpose of this proposal is to implement a Zoning Board of Adjustment review process when activities that alter terrain are proposed on lands having a slope of 25% or greater."

117	**79**
YES	**NO**

AMENDMENT PASSES

6. **Shall the Town of Goshen vote to dissolve the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District?**

141	**55**
YES	**NO**

ARTICLE PASSES

You are further notified to meet at the Goshen Town Hall in said Goshen on Saturday, the 17th day of March, 2007, at 6:30 of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

Moderator Arthur Jillette, Jr. decides to postpone meeting until Saturday the 24th day of March, 2007, at 6:30 of the clock, due to inclement weather.

Meeting reconvened on Saturday the 24th day of March, 2007, at 6:30 of the clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Moderator Arthur G. Jillette calls the meeting at 6:30 pm.

To receive the reports of the Town Officers of Goshen and take any necessary action thereon. Motion made by Paul Barrett and seconded by Jonathan Purick.

ARTICLE PASSES

Arthur Jillette explained that there were errors in the Town report.
Paul Barrett requests article 22 be moved forward and discussed first.
Seconded by Dennis Parmalee.

Motion Passes.

22. **In the event that the dissolution of the District is not approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the District, shall the Town of Goshen vote to withdraw from the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District?**

Motion made by Paul Barrett and seconded by Melissa Page.
John Hopkins makes a motion to change grammar by removing the vote to. Seconded by John Herr.
Vote to accept amendment. Hand count taken.

24	**16**
YES	**NO**

AMENDMENT PASSES

Paper ballot vote on amended warrant article.

74	**3**
YES	**NO**

22. In the event that the dissolution of the District is not approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the District, shall the Town of Goshen withdraw from the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District?

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSES

Sherri Moen motioned to have warrant articles 25 and 26 brought to the beginning of warrant. Seconded by Jonathan Purick.

Motion Passes

25. (Petitioned) That the Town Clerk/Tax Collector be eligible for Health and Dental Insurance. One person insurance would cost the Town $4,642.56 a year for Health Insurance and $420.00 a year for Dental Insurance.

Motion made by Ethel Nilsen and seconded by Nickole Lord. Nickole Lord motioned to have this tabled for one year. Motioned seconded by Joan Hoffman.

Vote on motion.

Motion Failed

Nickole Lord said that these were two separate positions and both are part-time. Barbara Paronto said the Town can adopt the option to combine the position. Moderator said that we can change the wording. Allen Howe said he would like to see this resolved. Allen motioned to amend the article to include the wording one year. Fred Tromsdorff seconded this motion to amend the article.

AMENDMENT PASSES

Lilyan Wright called the question. Carl Wideberg seconded calling of the question.

25. (Petitioned) That the Town Clerk/Tax Collector be eligible for Health and Dental Insurance for one year. One person insurance would cost the Town $4,642.56 a year for Health Insurance and $420.00 a year for Dental Insurance.

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSES

26. (Petitioned) That the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector hours be increased by one hour and therefore would be eligible for Health and Dental Insurance. One person insurance would cost the Town $4,642.56 a year for Health Insurance and $420.00 a year for Dental Insurance. At the current salary of $10.75 and hour an extra $559.00 a year would be necessary to cover the pay.

Article moved by Carl Wideberg and seconded by Fred Tromsdorff.

Lilyan Wright motioned to amend article for one year. Amendment seconded by Jean Barrett.

Rick Shepard asked if we need to amend it to read one hour per week for one year as well as the benefits. Jean Barrett made a motion to amend the article to read increased by one hour per week for one year and therefore would be eligible for Health and Dental Insurance for one year. Amendment seconded by Sandra Sonnichsen. Paul Barrett called the question. Lilyan Wright seconded the calling of the question.

Motion to vote as amended.

Motion Passes

Sherri Moen asked someone from the Budget Committee to discuss their plan. Barbara Paronto said they agreed to have someone come in and do a survey on each position. Debbie Hall said that all elected officials were asked to wait until next year for any type of raise. Dennis Parmalee asked about the raise in hours last year. Barbara Paronto said it was a mistake. Because Melissa is salary it should have been a raise. Barbara Paronto said that Melissa being elected works as many hours necessary to get the job done. Nickole Lord then asked how many hours are being worked now. Melissa Page stated 29. Mary Wirkkala said we are not discussing the Town Clerk's position now. Dennis Parmalee called the question. Melissa Page seconded.

26. **(Petitioned) That the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector hours be increased by one hour per week for one year and therefore would be eligible for Health and Dental Insurance for one year. One person insurance would cost the Town $4,642.56 a year for Health Insurance and $420.00 a year for Dental Insurance. At the current salary of $10.75 and hour an extra $559.00 a year would be necessary to cover the pay.**

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSES

7. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the general municipal operations: (Majority Vote Required)**

Account No.		Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommends
4130	Executive	42,814.00	42,814.00
4140	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	30,022.00	30,022.00
4150	Financial Administration	32,702.00	32,702.00
4152	Revaluation of Property	6,545.00	6,545.00
4153	Legal Expense	30,000.00	30,000.00
4155	Personnel Administration	22,224.00	22,224.00
4191	Planning & Zoning	14,341.00	14,341.00
4191	General Government Building	28,950.00	28,950.00
4194	Cemeteries 3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
4196	Insurance	81,239.00	81,239.00
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	906.00	906.00
4723	Interest on TAN's	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Total	296,243.00	296,243.00

Motion made by Dennis Parmalee and seconded by John Scranton.
Dennis Parmalee said this is the section we need to appropriate the funds for the past articles. Fred Smith made a motion to decrease account 4191 by $5,000.00 because we have not used the money in the past. John Wirkkala explains that we have not used it in the past but we may need to use it this year. The Master Plan needs to be updated. We need to have an accurate survey done to see what people want. Fred Smith withdraws motion. Rick Costello wants explanation as to why we are spending so much money on lawyer fees. Jim Carrick explains that a lot of the information is private and the Town is running into more and more problems. John Wirkkala explains we currently have two suites against the Town. Barbara Paronto states that we need to raise and appropriate the money for the past amended articles. Motion to raise and appropriate funds seconded by Melissa Page.
Vote to increase account number 4140 from $30,022.00 to $30,302.00 and account number 4150 from $32,702.00 to $32,982.00 and account number 4196 from $81,239.00 to $91,365.00. This would bring the total from $296,243.00 to $306,929.00.

AMENDMENT PASSES

Jim Carrick makes a motion to increase account number 4140 by $315.00 to cover the payroll for the recent recount. This would bring the account from $30,302.00 to $30,617.00. This would bring the total amount from $306,929.00 to $307,244.00.

Hand count taken.

36	25
YES	NO

AMENDMENT PASSES

Vote to raise and appropriate $307,244.00 for General Municipal Operations.

ARTICLE PASSES

8. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $21,896.00 for the Sixth of ten (10) yearly payments for the E-One Typhoon Series Fire Truck. (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee.**

Motion made by Dennis Parmalee and seconded by Robert Johnson. Rick Shepard thanked the Town for all of the support they have given the Fire Department.

Vote to raise and appropriate $21, 896.00 for the sixth of ten (10) yearly payments for the E-One Typhoon Series Fire Truck.

ARTICLE PASSES

9. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $29,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a pickup truck for the Police Department, to withdraw the sum of $15,000.00 from the Police Cruiser Capital Fund and to raise the balance of $14,000.00 by taxes. (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee.**

Motion made by Robert Johnson and seconded by Nickole Lord. Ed Andersen explains to the Town the reason why he did not ask for a pick-up previously which was because of the cost. Ed continues to explain that the warranty on the Crown Victoria is running up. Only one year left or 75,000 miles. Project 54 will give us money to install equipment that is voice activated which really helps the officers especially during a high speed chase. Next year the grant will be gone and we will not be able to take advantage of it. The grant also covers a lap top computer in which the Police Department will keep all of its records. He explains that he will keep the Crown Victoria for use in the summer and the new truck will be for winter. Every year he will report the condition of each vehicle. Sherri Moen asks whether we will have to pay the full amount next year if we don't use it this year. Ed Andersen answers yes. Jan Parmalee asks for a paper ballot vote. Moderator Jillette explains that we need a minimum of six people for a paper ballot vote. A hand count was taken

54	4
NO	YES

REQUEST FOR PAPER BALLOT FAILED

Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $29,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a pickup truck for the Police Department, to withdraw the sum of $15,000.00 from the Police Cruiser Capital Fund and to raise the balance of $14,000.00 by taxes.

ARTICLE PASSES

10. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Public Safety: (Majority Vote Required)**

Account No	Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommends

4210	Police	82,582.00	82,582.00
4215	Ambulance	6,427.00	6,427.00
4220	Fire	21,000.00	21,000.00
4240	Building Inspection	1,600.00	1,600.00
4290	Emergency Management	3,800.00	3,800.00
4299	Hepatitis B Shots	500.00	500.00
	Total	115,909.00	115,909.00

Motion made by Dennis Parmalee and seconded by Robert Johnson. Rita Purmort asks which phone number, under the Police Department should be used. Ed Andersen explains that the 863-0275 is for non-emergency only. If you have an emergency dial either 911 or 863-0700. Rita Purmort expresses her concern about the unspent money in the Emergency Management. Jim Carrick said that we have been lucky enough not to have to use it. Rita then asks where the Goshen Emergency Shelter is. Jim Carrick said here in the Town Hall. Jim explained the hazardous mitigation plan that the Town is working on. Dan Peterson explained that volunteers were needed in case of emergency.

Vote to raise and appropriate $115,909.00 for Public Safety.

ARTICLE PASSES

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Highways and Streets: (Majority Vote Required)

		Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommends
Account No.			
4311	Highway Administration	67,160.00	67,160.00
4312	Highway & Streets	81,880.00	81,880.00
4316	Street Lighting	350.00	350.00
	Total	149,390.00	149,390.00

Motion made by Robert Johnson and seconded by Carl Wideberg. Carl Wideberg asks how many miles of paved and unpaved road Goshen has. Mark Beaudry replied fourteen miles total, five which are paved.

Vote to raise and appropriate $149,390.00 for Highways and Streets.

ARTICLE PASSES

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 for the fifth of five (5) yearly payments for the John Deere Backhoe for the Highway

Department. (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee. Motioned by Carl Wideberg and seconded by Robert Johnson. No discussion.

Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 for the fifth of five (5) yearly payments for the John Deere Backhoe for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE PASSES

13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing existing paved roads, to be known as the Paved Road Repair Capital Reserve Fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($3,500.00) to be placed in this fund; and further; to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend such funds for said purpose. (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee.

Motion made by Lilyan Wright and seconded by Dennis Parmalee. Dan Peterson stated that we need to

invest in our roads. Jean Barrett said we should set aside a portion of road each year to be paved.
Vote to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing existing paved roads, to be known as the Paved Road Repair Capital Reserve Fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($3,500.00) to be placed in this fund; and further; to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend such funds for said purpose.

ARTICLE PASSES

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sum for Sanitation: (Majority vote required)

		Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommends
Account No.			
4321	Solid Waste Administration	22,927.00	22,927.00
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	81,886.00	81,886.00
4326	Sewage Disposal	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Total	106,013.00	106,013.00

Motion made by Lilyan Wright seconded by Robert Johnson.
No discussion.
Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $106,013.00 for Sanitation.

ARTICLE PASSES

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Health and Welfare: (Majority Vote Required)

		Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommends
Account No			
4411	Health Administration	995.00	995.00
4414	Pest Control	250.00	250.00
4415	Senior Center	300.00	300.00
4415	Sullivan County Hospice	250.00	250.00
4415	Lake Sunapee Home Health	2,128.00	2,128.00
4415	Meals on Wheels	250.00	250.00
4415	West Central Services	908.00	908.00
4415	SWCS	600.00	600.00
4415	Community Alliance	500.00	500.00
4415	Women's Supportive Service	200.00	200.00
4442	Direct Assistance	14,855.00	14,855.00
	Total	21,236.00	21,236.00

Motion made by Dennis Parmalee and seconded by Melissa Page.
John Hopkins explains that we do not know how many people from year to year will need assistance. Heather Peckham asks if there is a limit as to how much someone can receive. Jim Carrick states no.
Vote to raise and appropriate $21,236.00 for Health and Welfare.

ARTICLE PASSES

16. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Cultural,Recreation and Conservation: (Majority Vote Required)**

Account No.		Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommend
4550	Library	12,157.00	12,157.00
4583	Patriotic Purposes	300.00	300.00
4619	Conservation	1,300.00	1,300.00
	Total	13,757.00	13,757.00

Motioned made by Lilyan Wright and seconded by Sandy Sonnichsen.
No discussion.
Vote to raise and appropriate $13,757.00 for Cultural, Recreation and Conservation.
ARTICLE PASSES

17. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to be placed in established Capital Reserve Funds: (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee.**

	Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommends
Highway Heavy Equipment (1994)	2,500.00	2,500.00
Construction & Recon. Of Bridges (1992	5,000.00	5,000.00
New Highway Truck CR (1990)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Police Cruiser (1978)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Personal Firefighter's Equip. (1994)	2,500.00	2,500.00
Property Revaluation (2002)	10,000.00	10,000.00
Town Technology (2005)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town Printing Equipment (2005)	600.00	600.00
Fire Truck	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town Buildings Painting (2006)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total	36,600.00	36,600.00

Mark Beaudry makes a motion to increase Construction and Reconstruction Of Bridges from $5,000.00 to $10,000.00. Motion to amend seconded by Sandy Sonnichsen.
Deborah Hall asked if Mark Beaudry contacted Dop and Dop. Mark Beaudry said yes. Dan Peterson explains that it is imperative that we have this money, and knows this by doing past grants. The grants are usually 80%, 20%.
Vote to amend Construction and Recon or Bridges from $5,000.00 to $10,000.00.
AMENDMENT PASSES
Sherri Moen makes a motion to increase Town Buildings Painting from $2,000.00 to $3,000.00. Seconded by Fred Tromsdorff.
Vote to amend Town and Buildings Painting from $2,000.00 to $3,000.00.
AMENDMENT PASSES
Vote to raise and appropriate $42,600.00 to be placed in established Capital Reserve Funds.
ARTICLE PASSES

18. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $5,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing a furnace for the Highway Garage. (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Selectmen**

& Budget Committee.

Motion made by Dennis Parmalee and seconded by Ethel Nilsen. Jean Barrett states that she doesn't see the need to buy a new furnace with the condition of the building. Mark Beaudry explains that a new door will be put on this year. John Hopkins states that he thinks the Town can get a furnace for about $1,800.00 not $5,500.00.

John Hopkins makes a motion to amend article to $3,500.00. Seconded by John Herr. Jonathan Purick asks what will happen if we need the full amount of $5,500.00. Sherri Moen calls the question. Moderator asks if all are in favor to stop debate. Debate stopped.

AMENDMENT FAILED

Vote to raise and appropriate $5,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing a furnace for the Highway Garage.

ARTICLE PASSES

19. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,500.00 for the purpose of repairing the Town Hall. (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee.**

Motion made by Carl Wideberg and seconded by Lilyan Wright. Debbie Hall asks why this was not done last year.

Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,500.00 for the purpose of repairing the Town Hall.

ARTICLE PASSES

20. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $1,000.00 for the purpose of annual maintenance and repairs of the compactor with said funds to come from the Transfer Station special revenue fund. No money will be raised by taxes if this article is passed. (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee.**

Motion made by Lilyan Wright seconded by Sandra Sonnichsen.

No discussion.

Vote to raise and appropriate $1,000.00 for the purpose of annual maintenance and repairs of the compactor with said funds to come from the Transfer Station special revenue fund. No money will be raised by taxes if this article is passed.

ARTICLE PASSES

21. **To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town meeting; and further, any gifts that are offered with a value greater than $5,000.00 shall require a public hearing by the Library Trustees with advance public notice prior to acceptance of the gift.**

Motion made by Lilyan Wright and seconded by Sandra Sonnichsen

Lilyan Wright explains that we need to adopt this so that the Library can accept gifts.

Vote to authorize the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town meeting; and further, any gifts that are offered with a value greater than $5,000.00 shall require a public hearing by the Library Trustees with advance public notice prior to acceptance of the gift.

ARTICLE PASSES

23. **To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of used equipment no longer utilized by the Town. This may be done by sealed bid or public auction with the money received to be deposited into the general fund. (Majority Vote Required)**

Motion made by Dennis Parmalee and seconded by Robert Johnson.

Vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of used equipment no longer utilized by the Town. This may be done by sealed bid or public auction with the money received to be deposited into the general fund.

ARTICLE PASSES

24. **(Petitioned) To see if the Town will vote to adopt a pay-as-you-throw program as an incentive to improving the current recycling. With the Wheelabrator contract ending July 1, 2007, improved recycling is mandatory for finding alternate disposal sites for our trash.**

Motion made by Jean Barrett and seconded by Dennis Parmalee.

Jonathan Purick explains that the Waste Committee has been working very hard on this project. We are going to need to implement something. Bernie Cutter asks what will happen if we vote on this without knowing any specifics. Jonathan Purick explains this is just a vote to implement this. Robert Johnson was concerned that it did not state mandatory recycling. Jonathan Purick says this is an incentive and people accept more when something is an incentive. Chris Smith asks if this will be more work for the Transfer Station attendants. Jonathan Purick explains that it may be. Sheri Moen states that we have already voted on disbursing as of July 1st, and wonders if any calculations have been done for the attendants yet. Lilyan Wright explains that a lot of consideration has been put into this proposal. Allen Howe explains that he has attended many meetings and this is nothing new. Many other towns have been very successful with this. Ronald Kempton says that people should go and look at how Warner deals with their Transfer Station, because they are making money. Nickole Lord explains that she is wary of voting this in due to lack of figures per bag. Robert Johnson says that this is just giving the Selectmen a go ahead. Jonathan Purick said implementations will be fair. Nickole Lord asks who will be taking the money. Jonathan Purick explains they are not sure yet. David Stephan calls the question. Seconded by Melissa Page.

Vote to adopt a pay-as-you-throw program as an incentive to improving the current recycling. With the Wheelabrator contract ending July 1, 2007, improved recycling is mandatory for finding alternate disposal sites for our trash.

ARTICLE PASSES

27. **To take up any other business as may legally come before this meeting.Motion made by Fred Smith and seconded by Melissa Page.**

Fred Smith states that he would like to see our fiscal year changed to July 1st because working with January 1st we work with a budget that isn't there. Jim Carrick agrees that this is a problem. He continues to explain that a committee will look into the running into the Government. Paul Barrett asks why the Welcome to Goshen signs are not up yet. Jim Carrick explains that we do not have approval from the land owners yet.

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 pm. Seconded by Lilyan Wright

VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $843,545.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa A. Page, Town Clerk

2007 Annual Report

Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District



A Goshen Schoolhouse / Photo by Elmer & Arthur Nelson, circa 1897

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GOSHEN-LEMPSTER COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

2007 – 2008
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

John Hopkins, Chairperson	Term expires 2008
Korrie Goodspeed, Vice Chairperson	Term expires 2009
John Scranton	Term expires 2010
Peter Cooley	Term expires 2011
Laurie Wilkinson	Term expires 2012

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #71 PERSONNEL

Dr. John Handfield	Superintendent of Schools
Lisa Cross	Administrative Assistant

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Michael Shklar	Moderator
Cindy Phillips	Clerk
Annette Howard	Treasurer

Goshen-Lempster School District Personnel
2007 - 2008

NAME	Position	COLLEGE	Degree	Years in Teaching
Thomas Fitzgerald	Principal	Keene State College	M.Ed.	14
Angela Conrad-Ferland	Grade 2	Keene State College	BA	7 1/2
Conrad Ekstrom	Grade 6	Keene State College	M.Ed.	32
Maureen Goodwin	Kindergarten	Univ. of Rhode Island	BS+15	14
Vicky Goss	Technology	Plymouth State College	BS	13
Jonathan Hamel	Physical Education	Plymouth State College	BS	2
Timothy Koumrian	Special Ed Teacher/Coord.	Lesley College	M.Ed.	10
Thomas Lawton	SAFE Prog. Coordinator	St. John's University	J.D.	5
Peter Newbern	Title I	Anticoch	MS	8
Joan Perry	Guidance/Social Worker	Boston University	MSW	12 1/2
Susan Roberts	Grade 4	Univ. of NH	BS+30	15
Christine Santerre	Special Ed	Keene State College	MA	8
Darlene Scimemi	Art	Keene State College	BS	7
Sandra Leigh Sprecker	School Psychologist	U Mass.	PhD	13
David Teed	Grades 7 & 8	University of North Florida	BA	9
Laurie Terwilliger	Grades 7 & 8	Washington State University	MS	3
Brooke Tessier	Grade 1	Champlain College	BA	3
Tara Tiebout	Grade 5	Keene State College	BS	2
Rachel Tirrell	Grade 3	Keene State College	BSed.	10
Patricia Waltzer	Music	State Univ. College- NY	BA+15	25
Heidi Wilcox	Nurse	N. H. Tech. Institute	BFA	

Marianne Dennis	Food Service Director	BA
Ellie Wirkkala	Food Service Assistant	
Annette Howard	Administrative Assistant- School	AS
Matthew Hoyt	Custodian	
Donna Newton	Custodian	
Mary Andreasen	Special Education Assistant	
Barbara Chadwick	Special Education Assistant	
Susan Hamel	Special Education Assistant	
Laurie Herr	Special Education Assistant	
Deborah Hinman	Special Education Assistant	
Chrissy Jenison	Special Education Assistant	
Sherry Menard	Title I Aide	
Karen Monahan	Special Education Assistant	
Theresa Quinn	Part Time Speech Assistant	
Shannon Porter	Special Education Assistant	
Darlene Scimemi	Part Time Special Ed. Assistant	
Jane Skeie	Special Education Assistant	
Susan Toczko	Media Assistant	
Monica West	Special Education Assistant	
Nancy Wideberg	Special Education Assistant	
Karen Winterholer	Special Education Assistant	

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District in the towns of Goshen and Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School Gymnasium in Lempster on the 8th day of March 2008, at seven o'clock PM to act upon the articles set forth in the Warrant. Articles 1 & 2 of the Warrant covering the election of Moderator and Members of the School Board from Lempster will be acted upon at three o'clock PM., and voting will be by official ballot and checklist. The polls will remain open for this purpose from three o'clock (3:00) PM until seven thirty (7:30) PM.

ARTICLE 1.

To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2.

To choose two Members of the School Board from Lempster : one for a five year term and one for a three year term, both beginning July 1, 2008.

ARTICLE 3.

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO MILLION, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,980,000.00) (Gross Budget) for the construction and original equipping of a new wing for the school building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $2,980,000.00 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The school board recommends this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required).

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the school district will vote to discontinue the following capital reserve funds: Technology Server Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2005; Kitchen Stove Capital Reserve Fund established in 2006 ; School Security Capital Reserve Fund established in 2007; Floor Sweeper Capital Reserve Fund established in2007; and the School Engineer Capital Reserve Fund established in 2007. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the school district's general fund. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,000) to be added to the school district Driveway Capital Reserve fund previously established, such amount to be no greater than the fund balances plus interest resulting from the discontinuation of capital reserve funds, if any. Furthermore to name the school board as agents to expend from this fund. The school board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 7.

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS ($3,613,219.00) for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 8.

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($131,000) for the maintenance of the school building. The School Board recommends this appropriation if Article 4 fails. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 9.

Whereas the original agreement between the towns of Goshen and Lempster presumed a relatively equal population in each member town, school board members were set at two and one half per town each year. This assumption of equal population has not been valid since 1980. During the period of time from 1980-1989 the population of Lempster averaged 25.32% greater than that of Goshen. During the period of time from 1990-1999 the population of Lempster averaged 30.31% greater than that of Goshen. In 2006 the population of Lempster was 33.8% higher than the population of Goshen. This disparity of representation must be fixed as is done at the state and federal level by reapportionment. The original agreement must be reexamined and altered so that the residents of Lempster will be properly represented on the Goshen Lempster School Board. From the above data, the best fit ratio for apportionment will be 4 school board members from Lempster and 3 school board members from Goshen. (Petitioned article. Advisory only).

ARTICLE 10.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Given under our hands this 5th day of February 2008:

John Hopkins, Chairperson

Korrie Goodspeed, Vice Chairperson

John Scranton

Laurie Wilkinson

Goshen-Lempster School District
Estimated Revenue
1/10/2008

	Revenue 07-08	Estimated 08-09	inc/decrease
Earnings on Investments	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	$0.00
Medicaid	$40,000.00	$25,000.00	-$15,000.00
Catastrophic Aid	$55,000.00	$75,000.00	$20,000.00
Equitable Education Aid	$1,079,429.00	$1,079,429.00	$0.00
State Education Tax	$395,053.00	$395,053.00	$0.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	$105,275.00	$0.00	-$105,275.00
E rate REIMBURSEMENT	$6,120.00	$6,120.00	$0.00
Additional Targeted Aid	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Revenue Anticipation Note	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total	$1,690,877.00	$1,590,602.00	-$100,275.00
Federal income	$185,000.00	$185,000.00	$0.00
Lunch income	$37,000.00	$37,000.00	$0.00
Federal total income	$222,000.00	$222,000.00	$0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	$1,912,877.00	$1,812,602.00	-$100,275.00

GOSHEN-LEMPSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSED BUDGET 2008 - 2009

DESCRIPTION	2006 - 2007 BUDGET	2006 - 2007 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2007 - 2008 CURRENT YEAR BUDGET	2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENT INC/DEC
INSTRUCTION 1100					
Salary - Teachers	476,869.71	455,348.51	442,890.91	438,693.40	
Salary - Aide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Salary - Substitute	8,880.00	9,633.13	8,880.00	9,500.00	
Health Insurance	105,610.08	94,505.94	119,840.51	110,942.49	
Dental Insurance	7,530.60	7,266.16	9,070.87	7,790.74	
Life & LTD Insurance	3,828.78	3,826.00	3,878.02	3,820.80	
Social Security	37,159.85	35,193.52	34,560.47	34,286.80	
Retirement	16,643.89	16,435.47	23,170.66	22,702.92	
Unemployment Comp.	200.00	150.00	200.00	200.00	
Worker's Compensation	2,051.07	2,051.07	1,908.36	1,893.33	
Contracted Services	25,307.00	22,619.50	25,757.00	26,900.00	
Repairs to Equipment	750.00	82.50	750.00	750.00	
High School Tuition	948,334.13	849,416.90	934,085.23	821,830.00	
Supplies & Materials	29,210.00	28,750.53	63,055.23	34,552.00	
Textbooks	8,565.00	5,433.78	7,631.22	1,338.00	
Software purchases	0.00	0.00	3,128.00	112.00	
New Equipment under $100.	440.00	352.77	313.00	123.00	
New Equipment	1,265.00	1,243.07	2,632.00	202.00	
Replacement Equipment	4,560.00	4,670.17	6,580.00	7,142.00	
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	1,677,205.11	1,536,979.02	1,688,331.48	1,522,779.48	-9.81%
SPECIAL EDUCATION 1200					
Salary - Teachers	76,601.40	79,438.20	93,042.50	104,027.00	
Salary - Aide	236,245.81	174,111.40	169,806.25	184,525.61	
Health Insurance	29,387.87	29,688.52	42,862.11	41,425.60	
Dental Insurance	2,683.14	2,018.18	2,865.90	2,431.79	
Life & LTD Insurance	629.57	696.32	766.40	852.92	
Social Security	23,932.81	18,872.34	20,107.93	22,074.27	
Retirement	18,257.15	14,197.10	20,769.54	22,827.69	
Worker's Compensation	1,347.13	1,554.68	1,138.79	1,248.49	
Tuition	303,000.00	262,387.47	341,000.00	377,100.00	
Preschool tuition	20,000.00	39,278.32	65,105.00	69,080.00	
Summer tuition	2,400.00	1,807.50	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Contracted Services	350.00	437.98	0.00	0.00	
Supplies & Materials	9,439.00	7,795.97	4,152.00	2,623.00	
Textbooks	42.00	11.96	0.00	957.00	
Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	740.00	
New Equipment	539.00	315.51	333.00	392.00	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	724,854.88	632,611.45	764,349.42	832,705.37	8.94%
Gifted and talented 1270	7,500.00	8,481.02	7,500.00	9,000.00	20.00%

DESCRIPTION	2006 - 2007 BUDGET	2006 - 2007 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2007 - 2008 CURRENT YEAR BUDGET	2008- 2009 BUDGET	PERCENT INC/DEC
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL 1400					
Coaches - Salary	2,600.00	650.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	
Coaches - Retirement	97.00	40.86	97.00	97.00	
Coaches - FICA	199.00	49.73	199.00	199.00	
TOTAL OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL	2,896.00	740.59	2,896.00	2,896.00	0.00%
SOCIAL WORKER 2113					
Salary	14,561.60	14,561.60	14,561.60	16,389.20	
Health Insurance	4,535.26	4,578.66	5,079.95	5,477.77	
Dental Insurance	260.28	253.92	260.28	267.02	
Life & LTD Insurance	120.98	119.22	120.98	136.59	
Social Security	1,113.96	1,040.84	1,113.96	1,253.77	
Retirement	538.78	538.72	844.57	950.57	
Workers Comp	61.16	61.16	61.16	68.83	
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	448.00	
TOTAL SOCIAL WORKER	21,192.02	21,154.12	22,042.50	24,991.75	13.38%
GUIDANCE SERVICES 2120					
Counselor's Salary	0.00	0.00	21,842.40	24,583.80	
Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	7,619.93	8,216.66	
Dental Insurance	0.00	0.00	390.40	400.51	
Life & LTD Insurance	0.00	0.00	179.68	203.09	
Social Security	0.00	0.00	1,670.94	1,880.66	
Retirement	0.00	0.00	1,266.86	1,425.86	
Worker's Compensation	0.00	0.00	91.74	103.25	
Testing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Supplies & Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	672.00	
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	0.00	0.00	33,061.95	37,835.83	14.44%
HEALTH SERVICES 2130					
Salary - Nurse	25,110.00	25,110.00	25,110.00	28,480.00	
Health Insurance	10,783.08	10,954.32	12,220.97	13,434.52	
Dental Insurance	650.70	634.80	650.70	667.50	
Life & LTD Insurance	209.11	207.04	209.10	235.41	
Social Security	1,920.92	1,769.99	1,920.89	2,178.73	
Retirement	929.07	928.98	1,456.36	1,651.84	
Workers Comp.	105.46	105.46	105.46	119.62	
Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Supplies and Materials	1,200.00	1,236.13	1,792.00	1,160.00	
New Equipment	400.00	421.11	180.00	0.00	
Replacement Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	650.00	
Professional Dues	105.00	90.00	105.00	105.00	
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	41,413.34	41,457.83	43,750.48	48,682.62	11.27%

DESCRIPTION	2006 - 2007 BUDGET	2006 - 2007 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2007 - 2008 CURRENT YEAR	2008 - 2009 BUDGET	PERCENT INC/DEC
PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES 2140					
Salary - Psychologist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Psychologist Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL PSYCHOLOGIST SERVIC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
SPEECH SERVICES 2150					
Speech Assistant - salary	7,898.24	7,606.27	8,291.84	8,291.84	
Speech - social security	604.22	581.84	634.33	634.33	
Speech Pathologist contracted ser	12,750.00	13,611.38	13,500.00	13,500.00	
TOTAL Speech Services	21,252.46	21,799.49	22,426.17	22,426.17	0.00%
PHYSICAL THERAPY 2162					
Physical Therapy contracted	11,500.00	16,449.86	12,500.00	12,500.00	
TOTAL Physical Therapy	11,500.00	16,449.86	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00%
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 2163					
OT Contracted Services	28,500.00	31,327.18	30,500.00	30,500.00	
OT Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
OT Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
OT Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL Occupational Therapy	28,500.00	31,327.18	30,500.00	30,500.00	0.00%
SUPPORT SERVICES 2213					
Tuition Reimbursement	4,658.15	6.39	6,846.00	6,916.00	
Conference	4,658.15	1,482.99	5,868.00	8,043.00	
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	9,316.30	1,489.38	12,714.00	14,959.00	17.66%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA SERVICES 2222					
Salary - Librarian	38,397.00	38,397.00	13,583.27	37,825.00	
Health Insurance	14,557.02	14,788.26	0.00	18,487.44	
Dental Insurance	1,146.36	1,118.40	0.00	1,176.13	
Life & LTD Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	332.40	
Social Security	2,937.37	2,937.37	1,039.12	2,893.61	
Retirement	1,420.69	1,420.64	925.02	2,193.85	
Workers Comp.	161.27	161.27	57.05	158.87	
Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Supplies and Materials	800.00	753.97	672.00	675.00	
Technology Supplies	1,065.00	395.27	0.00	0.00	
Books	2,500.00	2,362.26	2,464.00	2,500.00	
Replacement Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	1,868.00	80.00	
TOTAL MEDIA SERVICES	62,984.71	62,334.44	20,608.46	66,422.30	222.31%

DESCRIPTION	2006 - 2007 BUDGET	2006 - 2007 ACTUAL EXPENITURES	2007 - 2008 CURRENT YEAR	2008 - 2009 BUDGET	PERCENT INC/DEC
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES 2230					
Salary - Technology	0.00	0.00	30,717.60	32,778.40	
Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	13,198.66	14,509.31	
Dental Insurance	0.00	0.00	917.09	940.90	
Life & LTD Insurance	0.00	0.00	252.90	269.58	
Social Security	0.00	0.00	2,349.90	2,507.55	
Retirement	0.00	0.00	1,781.62	1,901.15	
Workers' Comp.	0.00	0.00	129.01	137.67	
Supplies	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,900.00	
Site Licences	0.00	0.00	3,150.00	0.00	
Replacement Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	
TOTAL TECHOLOGY SERVICES	0.00	0.00	53,696.78	57,944.56	7.91%
BOARD OF EDUCATION 2310					
Salary - School Board	1,300.00	1,050.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Salary - Moderator	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
Truant Officer	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	
Social Security	103.28	84.17	103.28	103.28	
Criminal Checks	390.00	819.00	390.00	452.50	
Insurance Treasurer's Bond	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Advertising	2,000.00	1,855.46	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Supplies and Materials	500.00	455.63	500.00	500.00	
Dues/fees and medicaid expenses	0.00	4,615.44	0.00	0.00	
School Board Dues	3,000.00	2,474.66	3,000.00	3,000.00	
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	7,443.28	11,404.36	7,443.28	7,505.78	0.84%
School Board Clerk 2312					
Salary - Clerk	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Social Security	38.25	38.25	38.25	38.25	
TOTAL School Board Clerk	538.25	538.25	538.25	538.25	0.00%
School Board Treasurer 2313					
Salary - Treasurer	425.00	425.00	425.00	425.00	
Social Security - Treasurer	32.51	32.52	32.51	32.51	
TOTAL Treasurer	457.51	457.52	457.51	457.51	0.00%
School Board Ballot Clerks 2314					
Salary - Ballot Clerk	378.00	283.50	378.00	378.00	
Social Security Ballot Clerk	28.92	21.72	28.92	28.92	
TOTAL Ballot Clerks	406.92	305.22	406.92	406.92	0.00%
School Board - Auditor 2317					
Salary - Auditor	8,000.00	7,500.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00%
School Board - legal 2318					
Legal Fees	2,500.00	5,303.50	1,500.00	2,500.00	66.67%

DESCRIPTION	2006 - 2007 BUDGET	2006 - 2007 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2007 - 2008 CURRENT YEAR	2008 - 2009 BUDGET	PERCENT INC/DEC
OFFICE OF SUPERIENTENDENT 2321					
Superintendent Salary	30,160.08	30,160.08	31,668.08	13,560.00	
Administrative Service Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	
Special Ed Coordinator	28,814.00	28,814.00	30,254.70	33,766.70	
Administrative Assistant	31,723.36	31,723.36	33,309.53	41,290.87	
Health Insurance	25,335.53	28,056.76	33,470.75	33,380.36	
Dental Insurance	2,370.24	2,272.10	2,370.24	2,431.71	
Life & LTD Insurance	236.94	202.94	250.77	261.33	
Social Security	6,938.35	6,369.55	7,285.27	7,085.24	
Retirement	3,226.48	3,226.60	4,666.03	5,799.29	
Worker's Compensation	380.93	380.93	399.98	388.99	
Professional Services	5,000.00	5,981.82	5,000.00	5,500.00	
Mileage	800.00	636.78	800.00	800.00	
Telephone	1,000.00	928.69	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Postage	500.00	477.60	500.00	500.00	
Supplies and Materials	1,600.00	840.65	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Software	1,200.00	887.98	0.00	0.00	
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Replacement Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL OFFICE OF SAU	139,285.91	140,959.84	152,575.35	151,364.49	-0.79%
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL 2410					
Salary - Principal	57,330.00	73,000.00	76,650.00	80,482.50	
Salary - Secretary	23,890.80	32,984.95	27,795.20	30,546.00	
Health Insurance	22,676.28	20,142.00	20,350.48	21,944.04	
Dental Insurance	1,301.40	1,063.52	981.66	1,007.12	
Social Security	6,213.39	8,021.76	7,990.06	8,493.68	
Retirement	3,748.17	4,947.09	6,875.00	7,337.71	
Worker's Compensation	341.13	341.13	438.67	466.32	
Repairs to Equipment	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	
Telephone	6,400.00	5,825.65	6,400.00	6,400.00	
Supplies and Materials	1,900.00	194.23	1,900.00	1,900.00	
Graduation	350.00	531.09	350.00	350.00	
Replacement Equipment	0.00	230.00	2,154.00	0.00	
Professional Development	645.00	1,819.00	645.00	900.00	
TOTAL OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	124,996.17	149,100.42	152,730.07	160,027.37	4.78%
SCHOOL LUNCH 2560	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	8,000.00	700.00%

DESCRIPTION	2006 - 2007 BUDGET	2006 - 2007 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2007 - 2008 CURRENT YEAR	2008 - 2009 BUDGET	PERCENT INC/DEC
2600					
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT					
Salary - Custodians	45,241.04	43,123.56	43,785.11	45,978.66	
Health Insurance	14,557.02	14,788.26	16,498.33	13,434.52	
Dental Insurance	0.00	559.20	1,146.36	667.52	
Social Security	3,460.94	3,095.18	3,349.56	3,517.37	
Retirement	1,659.83	1,769.04	2,237.13	2,349.75	
Worker's Compensation	1,742.71	1,998.32	1,717.16	1,804.33	
Contracted Services	10,755.00	10,021.77	11,055.00	15,305.00	
Snow Removal	6,000.00	7,686.50	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Repairs to Equipment	4,350.00	2,584.66	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Repairs to Building	5,300.00	17,573.91	7,850.00	5,300.00	
Insurance	7,200.00	6,392.02	7,200.00	7,200.00	
Supplies and Materials	13,712.00	11,119.24	14,535.00	16,893.00	
Electricity	22,000.00	23,718.34	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Fuel - Oil	7,850.00	9,474.42	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Propane	16,875.00	15,681.61	19,000.00	19,000.00	
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	316.00	2,896.00	
Replacement Equipment	300.00	328.13	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINT	161,003.54	169,914.16	168,689.65	174,346.15	3.35%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION 2700					
Bus Transportation 2721	104,915.00	104,915.00	108,670.00	119,529.00	
Totals	104,915.00	104,915.00	108,670.00	119,529.00	9.99%
Transportation 2722					
Special Education transportation	35,844.00	71,022.50	68,900.00	68,900.00	
TOTAL SPEC. ED Transportation	35,844.00	71,022.50	68,900.00	68,900.00	0.00%
Transportation 2725					
Field Trips	6,000.00	5,130.05	6,000.00	6,000.00	
TOTAL FIELD TRIP TRANSPORT	6,000.00	5,130.05	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00%
Interest on Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL INTEREST ON DEBT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL BUDGET	**3,201,005.40**	**3,042,375.20**	**3,391,288.27**	**3,391,218.55**	**0.00%**
Food Service in/out	37,000.00	37,000.00	37,000.00	37,000.00	
Federal Projects in/out	185,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00	
GRAND TOTALS	3,423,005.40	3,264,375.20	3,613,288.27	3,613,218.55	

A. Way & Hurd School Fund

Principal Beginning Balance	614.16
Interest Beginning Balance	254.92
Interest Income for 2007	44.18
Total Principal and Interest	913.26

Goshen-Lempster Special Education Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	12,445.13
New Funds Created	5,000.00
Interest Income for 2007	736.93
Ending Balance 12-31-07	18,182.06

Goshen-Lempster Replacement or Repair of Existing Equipment Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	1,008.13
Interest Income for 2007	51.32
Ending Balance 12-31-07	1,059.45

Goshen-Lempster Capital Reserve for Boiler Replacement

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	6,155.11
New Funds Created	2,000.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Interest Income for 2007	345.28
Ending Balance 12-31-07	8,500.39

Goshen-Lempster School Security Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	0.00
New Funds Created	8,000.00
Withdrawals	7,800.45
Interest Income for 2007	31.39
Ending Balance 12-31-07	230.94

Goshen-Lempster School Flooring Expendable Trust

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	2,190.04
New Funds Created	1,000.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Interest Income for 2007	127.45
Ending Balance 12-31-07	3,317.49

Goshen-Lempster Roof Repair Expendable Trust

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	198.43
New Funds Created	1,000.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Interest Income for 2007	26.66
Ending Balance 12-31-07	1,225.09

Goshen-Lempster Technology Server Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	507.54
Withdrawals	0.00
Interest Income for 2007	25.88
Ending Balance 12-31-07	533.42

Goshen-Lempster Leach Field Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	10,525.29
New Funds Created	2,500.00
Interest Income for 2007	575.89
Ending Balance 12-31-07	13,601.18

Goshen-Lempster Driveway Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	15,152.00
New Funds Created	0.00
Interest Income for 2007	771.33
Ending Balance 12-31-07	15,923.33

Goshen-Lempster Kitchen Stove Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	3,512.96
New Funds Created	3,500.00
Withdrawals	6,984.00
Interest Income for 2007	131.11
Ending Balance 12-31-07	160.07

Goshen-Lempster Accounting Software Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	5,018.39
New Funds Created	2,500.00
Interest Income for 2007	295.35
Ending Balance 12-31-07	7,813.74

Goshen-Lempster Floor Sweeper Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	0.00
New Funds Created	500.00
Withdrawals	495.00
Interest Income for 2007	7.09
Ending Balance 12-31-07	12.09

Goshen-Lempster Engineer Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-07	0.00
New Funds Created	5,000.00
Withdrawals	5,000.00
Interest Income for 2007	71.70
Ending Balance 12-31-07	71.70

The G-L Capital Improvements is what you now call Repair and Replacement of Existing Equipment, which was changed in purpose but not name in the 2001-02 school warrant.

All of these funds are currently invested in the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool with an average yield of 5.08%.

2005 - 2006 Special Education cost for the school year.

	Instruction	Related Services	Transportation	Totals
Elementary	$491,234.89	$113,260.87	$53,274.20	$657,769.96
Middle School				
High School	$192,489.36			$192,489.36
			Totals	$850,259.32

Revenues received to offset special education costs	$123,765.48	Catastrophic Aid
	$61,582.16	Medicaid Revenue
	$50,638.28	IDEA Grant
Totals	$235,985.92	

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2006 - 2007 Special Education cost for the school year.

	Instruction	Related Services	Transportation	Totals
Elementary	$517,457.12	$128,741.61	$71,022.50	$717,221.23
Middle School				
High School	$116,973.30			$116,973.30
			Totals	$834,194.53

Revenues received to offset special education costs	$68,257.24	Catastrophic Aid
	$44,738.74	Medicaid Revenue
	$59,945.08	IDEA Grant
Totals	$172,941.06	

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The 2007-2008 school year marks my tenth year of providing Superintendent services to the Goshen-Lempster School District. Although it is tempting to wax nostalgic on several fronts, at this time I want to focus on the following notable actions that the voters have supported over those years.

1. Support for addressing all deficiencies cited under the New Hampshire Educational Minimum Standards. The proposed budget for next year will permit the hiring of a certified media specialist which will complete our multi-year effort in this arena.
2. Support for our efforts to improve the school in the areas of health and safety. This is evidenced by a marked improvement in the serving of healthy food by our cafeteria staff, putting in place emergency evacuation procedures, and creating a uniform keying system for the entire school.
3. Support for the funding of a coherent, consistent, and integrated reading curriculum that encompasses and impacts every grade in our school. This will enable our students to acquire those skills that are centrally important in achieving educational success.
4. Support for ongoing improvement in our teacher salary schedule which allows our district to hire capable professionals to teach our children. What was among the lowest in the State of New Hampshire ten years ago is now in the mid-range for public school districts.
5. Support for the concept of a multi-year labor agreement. This has allowed the district to devote more energy to the critically important area of instructional improvement.

This year a major school building project is being brought forward for voter consideration. Unlike prior efforts over the last decade to address building deficiencies through the use of an incremental multi-year strategy, a broadly representative Building Needs committee has met over the past two years and its research has led to a proposed building project that will resolve all building issues in the older portion of the school. Key elements that support bringing forward the project at this time, beyond the obvious shortcomings of the current structure, are the fact that the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District qualifies for more State School Building Aid than any other district in the State of New Hampshire, i.e. 60% of the principal amount borrowed to pay for this project is state funded; the limited impact of the local tax contribution; declining interest rates offered by lenders; and declining costs for materials and labor.

I have been told that eighteen years ago the last building upgrade was a topic of significant discussion in the Goshen-Lempster community. I would imagine that this will be the case this year as well. Whatever action is eventually taken, it will be the result of citizen conversation and voter decision. This is how it ought to be.

Dr. John Handfield

Goshen – Lempster School – Thomas Fitzgerald, Principal

It is my privilege to submit my second annual report for the Goshen - Lempster Cooperative School District. My first year and a half at GL has been very exciting. I would like to thank the community, the parents, students, and the staff at GL, for their advice and support. I have learned a lot about the school and the two communities that I have chosen to both live and work in. Everyday the interaction with students, staff, and neighbors reinforces for my family and myself that we made the right choice to move to Goshen and Lempster.

The towns of Goshen and Lempster have a lot to be proud of regarding their school. I have found the students here to be honest, open, and friendly and for the most part, excited about the learning opportunities that we have provided for them. I have found the staff here to be a most resilient group of people. They have not let the obstacles that exist here at GL become excuses for not providing the best education possible for your children.

We do indeed face both obstacles and challenges here that we have spent a great deal of time addressing over the last year and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. We face facility issues that we know as a community we are doing the best we can to address. I would like to thank the building committee and the "Wellness Wildcats" for all of their hard work around our facility issues.

Because of mandates such as "No Child Left Behind" we have been labeled as a "District in Need of Improvement." Let me assure that, as a staff, we are doing everything we can to meet the achievement targets that have been set for us by such mandates. Some examples of what we are doing include adopting a new reading curriculum and literacy plan, re-aligning both our reading and math curriculums with state standards, and re-organizing our grades 5 through 8 structure to follow more of a middle school structure and philosophy. We are providing our staff with significant resources and professional development to insure that we meet these challenges successfully.

The first half of the school year was filled with events new and old. The welcome bar-b-cue was certainly a great way to meet neighbors and students. The field hockey team did a great job representing Goshen – Lempster this fall as well. The holiday concert was a great showcase for our talented students and was very well attended. Our revived winter activities program is also going well in spite of the uncooperative weather. There is still much to look forward to this year. We will have our play, our formal, more field trips, and of course, graduation. Again, I thank the entire community for the opportunity to work with such a wonderful staff and great kids.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Fitzgerald, Principal

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GOSHEN-LEMPSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2007-JUNE 30, 2008
MEETING HELD MARCH 3, 2007

Polls opened at 3:00 pm for ballot voting on articles 1 and 2. Voting was by official ballot and checklist.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
Mike Shklar was elected.
Article 2. To choose a Member of the School Board from Goshen for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2007.
Laurie Wilkenson was elected.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Moderator. Ground rules for conduct and voting were then reviewed.

Article 3 was read: "To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto." Article was moved by John Scranton, seconded by Lilyan Wright, article passed by voice vote.

Motion by Kevin Onnela Sr. to recess the meeting until the towns have town reports. Second by Tricia LaBossiere. Motion called to a vote. The voice count was too close to call; asked for a raise of hands; hand count Vote 15 in favor, 41 opposed. Motion does not pass.

Article 4 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS ($3,583,894.00) for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)"
The article was moved by Lilyan Wright, and seconded by Marianne Dennis. Discussion followed. The budget was presented by John Hopkins. John Hopkins explained the income portion of the budget. John Hopkins then described the expenditure part of the budget. Regarding Instruction, which is mostly teacher's salaries, John explained that some senior teachers have retired; the District plans to do a couple of transfers in house and plans a couple of new hires. This figure has the teachers being paid the same amount as in the current year. Teacher's raises are part of a separate warrant article.
High School tuition costs are based on the number of kids going to high school and where they will go.
Special Ed, John Hopkins noted, is a major expense. Debra Nelson asked if the district has looked at other options other than out-of-district placement. John Hopkins replied that the District does not have an EH (emotionally handicapped) instructor, but plans to hire one next year. The Board has studied the number of aides and has asked for a list of the assignments of each aide. The District is aware that sometimes we are better off

hiring a special education teacher and eliminating some aides. Alvin McNeill asked if all the aides are special education aides. The answer was yes, there are no general classroom aides. John Hopkins noted that the District plans to add a 0.6 Guidance position.
John Hopkins explained that, under Media Services, the District plans to move Vicky Goss to a full time technical services position. The District plans to hire a full time aide to staff the library, with the hopes that this plan will fulfill State requirements.
Kevin Onnela Sr. asked how much it costs per student for high school students to go to Newport. John Hopkins replied $8,000-$12,000. Kevin noted that, figuring quickly based on the numbers he just got, the District is paying $15,000 per student at our school, which is apparently more expensive than tuition for the kids who go to school elsewhere. John Handfield explained that the District does not pay for transportation for high school, and that special education for high school students is also not included in high school tuition. Rachel Tirrell noted that building costs (capital improvements) also cannot be included in high school tuition costs.
Alvin McNeill asked why the library budget is less than last year. John Hopkins explained that the District is hoping to meet the library requirement with a full time paraprofessional, rather than a part-time teacher.
Regarding pupil transportation, John Hopkins explained that the District extended the contract with the current bus company for one year, with a 3.4% increase.
John Hopkins explained that special education transport is for daily transportation of students who need out of district aid but go home every day. Scott Goodspeed asked if this is put out to bid. John Hopkins replied that there are not many people who want to do it; they have to have a new vehicle and have to have special insurance. John also explained that the District has a special rider on its insurance contract for regular school bus insurance.
Alvin McNeill asked about the big jump in the principal budget. John Hopkins explained that the principal's salary used to be 80% in principal and 20% education, and was that way in the budget at this time last year. When Mr. Bonfiglio retired, the hiring committee chose the person who could do the job we needed done. The increase is really from a total salary of approximately $67,000 in the 06-07 budget to approximately $73,000 in the 07-08 budget.
Scott Goodspeed asked if the school has gained on state test scores, noting that the principal and teachers are both are asking for substantial raises. John Handfield replied that we are seeing some of our students are doing better and some are not. John Handfield explained that the school is deeply involved in aligning our curriculum with the tests. John Handfield added that we will find out if we are a "school in need of improvement" in mid June. Debra Nelson noted that she teaches in another district and that in her district, 84% scored in levels 3 and 4 (proficient and proficient with distinction) on the NECAP tests. Kevin Onnela Sr. noted the difference between our school and the state average in the percent of kids in level 4. Kevin asked if we are not teaching our kids what is needed for these tests, are we instead preparing them to go to Siberia.
Article 4 called for vote; article 4 passed with show of hands.

Article 5 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Goshen-Lempster

School Board and the Goshen-Lempster Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2007-2008	$36,896.00
2008-2009	$39,419.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of $36,896.00 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)"

The article was moved by John Scranton, and seconded by Alvin McNeill. Discussion followed. John Hopkins explained that this is a change in format from previous years in response to pressure to follow the format of other school districts. Debra Nelson asked what the percent increase is. John Hopkins replied that the increase would add 1.15% to the overall budget. Korrie Goodspeed and John Hopkins both added that the salary increase is 6%. Kevin Onnela Jr. asked what would be the effect next year. Mike Shklar explained that we are only voting for this year. Debra Nelson asked if this is 6% this year and then an additional 6% next year. Rachel Tirrell said it is 2.7% this year and 3.3% next year. Mike Shklar explained that it will be 6% across the two years. Korrie Goodspeed said it totals 6% this year. Cappy Nunlist (the School District's attorney) explained that the 2.7% is the change in the base salary, there is an additional increase from teachers moving up through the salary steps. A person getting both the base increase and the step increase will get 6%. Alvin McNeill asked if this has already been agreed upon by everybody. Cappy Nunlist explained that if this article is not approved then the current contract will continue. Alvin McNeill asked if it is already agreed that some teachers will get 6% and others just 2.7%. Cappy explained there are increases for longevity and experience. Dedra Onnela asked how many teachers are in the top step. John Handfield responded one next year. Scott Goodspeed asked how many will get the 6% raise each year, and will we be obligated for the 6% next year? Vicky Goss said she is not in the top step, but she has run out of steps, so won't get the 6%. Kevin Onnela Sr. asked what this works out to percentage-wise for each year. John Hopkins said the raise comes to $36,893 with the raise and steps. He further explained that we don't know where the new hires next year will fall into the steps, so can't calculate this exactly. John Hopkins explained that the voters are not voting on the funding for 2008-2009, but are voting on the contract. John Hopkins explained the base and that there are tracks that teachers are on, depending upon their professional achievements, such as degrees and additional educational credits. The 2.7% increase goes on year by year. The negotiations involve what an agreeable additional raise would be and this is added to the 2.7%. The 6.0% is 2.7% plus this year's negotiated raise of 3.3%. Kevin Onnela Jr. asked if teachers automatically get a 2.7% raise, why do they get an additional raise. Bill Murgatroy and Harold Whiting asked to call the question.. Motion to call the question passed. Article called to a vote; Article 5 passed by show of hands.

Article 6 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-b, to be known as the School Engineer Capital Reserve Fund, for the purpose of contracting an engineer to study the original portion of the school. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND

DOLLARS ($5,000.00) towards this purpose and to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)"
The article was moved by David Diehl, and seconded by Lilyan Wright. Discussion followed. John Hopkins explained that the building needs committee has been meeting, charged with two questions: 1. what is wrong with the old section? 2. What would it cost to tear it down or to repair it? John Hopkins noted that there are a lot of good ideas around the table, but they are all different, so hope to hire a professional from the outside to offer advice on what to do. Kevin Onnela Sr. said he was on the committee and that they were told how horrible the old end of the building is (blocked windows, lack of teacher bathroom, mold, etc.). Kevin noted that the old roof did better than the new roof under a previous snow load. Kevin asked why worry about going out the window if you can go out the door? Kevin noted that there is a faculty bathroom, and the mold is apparently a cleanliness problem. Kevin said he never heard a difference of opinion on the committee. Kevin Onnela Jr. asked if we hire an engineer, is it just to judge the cost to replace problems vs. tear down? Ray Eastman answered yes. Scott Goodspeed asked why the district put aside money every year to put in carpets and now needs to replace carpet with flooring? Ray Eastman explained the only new carpet was in the principal's office, which was recently replaced, the rest of the floor work has all been new tile, with the goal of getting rid of all the carpet. Article was called to a vote; Article 6 passed by show of hands.

Article 7 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00) to be added to the School Boiler Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Furthermore, to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)"
The article was moved by Everette Thurber, and seconded by Barbara Chadwick. Discussion followed. John Hopkins explained we have new, beautiful boilers that are hopefully saving us lots of money in propane. The final project is the elephant on the roof which is close to 17 years old and quite wasteful. This is merely a savings account, we do not plan to do anything this year. Article 7 called for vote; Article 7 passes by voice vote. .

Article 8 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($2,500.00) to be added to the Leach Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Furthermore, to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)".
The article was moved by John Fabrycky, and seconded by David Diehl. Discussion followed: John Hopkins explained that the leach field is getting old and if we wait until it fails, we will need a civil engineer and contractor right away, who in such and emergency can charge as they want. The point here is to plan ahead without being over a barrel. Scott Goodspeed asked when we plan on drawing up a set of plans. John Hopkins replied that he planned, with Board approval, to dig a test hole at the end of the leach field and invite all interested to see what kind of shape it is in. If it looks bad we'd better get on it,

but don't rush into things unless we need to. Call for a vote on Article 8; Article 8 passed by voice vote.

Article 9 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($2,500.00) to be added to the Accounting Software Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Furthermore, to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)."
The article was moved by Alvin McNeill, and seconded by Deb Scranton. Discussion followed. John Hopkins explained that the administrative software will not be supported within 5 years, although we expect the replacement price to fall over that time. Alvin McNeill asked how much is currently in the fund. Korrie Goodspeed answered $5,018.39. Korrie Goodspeed said the cost of replacement is roughly $15,000 now. John Handfield said the District will not jump at a high price replacement.
Call for a vote on Article 9; Article 9 passed by voice vote.

Article 10 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-b, to be known as the School Security Capital Reserve Fund, for the purpose of securing the school building. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS ($8,000.00) towards this purpose and to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)."
The article was moved by Phil Tirrell, and seconded by Barbara Chadwick. Discussion followed. John Scranton noted that, even a few years ago, we would have not even considered evacuations, drills, and lockdowns. John Scranton described the activities of the school safety committee this year. John Scranton explained that the school needs a buzzer system so we can slow down intruders, needs a panic button, radios that can reach Onnela's garage, and needs an id system. Barbara Richards asked for total costs, John Scranton responded that the committee is looking for as many avenues of help as we can get, so cost is a floating number. John Scranton acknowledged that it is impossible to arrive at a number and say our school is safe. John Scranton said he thinks that the $8,000 will do what we hope to do at this juncture; it is not a building kind of fund. Scott Goodspeed asked if this stuff will be useable in the new building. John Scranton answered he does not know but he hopes yes. A person said she hears a lot of "we needs", but if someone comes through the door we really can't stop them. Duncan Domey said there will be outside security and inside security. Duncan said it is effective to stop the unchecked flow of people coming into the school. Alvin McNeill said if you can slow them down and get help here you can save lives. Debra Nelson asked what is in place now. John Scranton said we have a lot of minds working on the problem.
Call for a vote on Article 10; Article 10 passed by voice vote.

Article 11 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,000.00) to be added to the Roof Repair Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Furthermore, to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. The School Board recommends these appropriations. (Majority vote required)."

Discussion followed. John Hopkins said the District was supposed to do phase 5 this year, but it looks pretty good, so do not plan to do it. On the other hand, the work will have to be done in the foreseeable future. This will just add to the fund. Scott Goodspeed asked if there is enough money now to do the next phase. Korrie Goodspeed said there is $198.43, so no. Article 11 called to a vote. Article 11 passed by voice vote.

Article 12 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,000.00) to be added to the School Flooring Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Furthermore, to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)."
The article was moved by Everette Thurber, and seconded by Alvin McNeill. Discussion followed. John Hopkins explained there are no plans to do anything this year, but there is more to be done in the future. Article 12 called to a vote. Article 12 passed by voice vote.

Article 13 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($3,500.00) to be added to the Kitchen Stove Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Furthermore, to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)."
The article was moved by Lilyan Wright, and seconded by Dorothy McNeill. Discussion followed: John Hopkins explained that voters approved $3,500 in this account last year. **Motion** by Scott Goodspeed to amend the dollar amount to $2,500. Debra Nelson seconded the motion. Barbara Richards noted it is legal to amend the figure. Lilyan Wright said this was discussed at the budget hearing in February and the people in the audience recommended raising of the amount so the money would be available if the stove went out of commission. Scott Goodspeed responded that it is his understanding that it is not in as bad a shape as it actually is. Scott Goodspeed said if the stove breaks down, the money could be found in the budget to replace it. Scott notes that money was found for the lockers. Several others quickly responded that all but $500 for the lockers was from private funds raised by the Parent-Teacher Club and the Wellness Committee. Deb Scranton said that if this is what was asked for it probably makes sense. Call the vote by John Scranton, second by Lilyan Wright. Vote on motion to amend. Motion to amend defeated by voice vote. Call for vote on the main motion by Lilyan Wright, Mark Magoon seconds. Article 13 passes by voice vote.

Article 14 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-b, to be known as the School Floor Sweeper Capital Reserve Fund, for the purpose of purchasing a floor sweeper for the gym. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS ($2,267.00) towards this purpose and to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)."
The article was moved by Alvin McNeill, and seconded by David Diehl. Discussion followed. John Hopkins said he recently talked with custodian Matt Hoyt. Matt said he

has found a manual push sweeper model which he is very enthusiastic about, which would cost right around $500.00. **Motion** by John Hopkins, seconded by Everette Thurber to amend the dollar amount to $500.00. Lilyan Wright said, knowing gym floors well, Matt is young, Donna is strong and capable so can push the thing, but she wonders if that will be practical in the future. Mindy Chadwick suggested that if a custodian can't push the sweeper, he shouldn't be the custodian. Korrie Goodspeed called the question. Vote to call the question passes. Motion to amend passes by voice vote. Vote on Article 14 as amended. Scott Goodspeed asked how the floor is swept now. John Hopkins explained the new unit would save 1.5 hrs per day and it could do the halls too. Amendment 14 passed by voice vote.

Article 15 was read: "To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($5,000.00) to be placed in the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund, with such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on July 1."
The article was moved by John Fabrycky, and seconded by Arthur Jillette. Discussion followed. John Hopkins explained that the money is transferred if it is left over at the end of the year. Mr. McNeill asked how much is in the budget now. About $12,000. Deb Scranton asked if there has been consideration for putting this money aside for another need. John Hopkins explained the Board attempts to distinguish between wants and needs. He is not sure what to say as there is an unlimited amount of things we could spend money on, but that is not possible. Deb said yes, but how about an enrichment program. John Fabrycky says if money leftover doesn't go back to the town, it may be acceptable for it to go to special education, but not to other items. Call for the vote on Article 15. Article 15 passed by show of hands.

Moderator asked for any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Motion by Korrie Goodspeed, to see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions RSA 32. 6(VII) that requires the district to make available a printed annual report seven days prior to the District meeting. John Fabrycky suggested that the school report be printed independently of the town reports. Everette Thurber asked if this is a non-binding vote. Mike Shklar answered no, because it doesn't involve funds. Harold Whiting said in his years on the Board of Selection they have always had a problem getting the school report on time to get the town report printed. He would like to get everybody on the same page. Rachel Tirrell asked if it has to be printed in the town report. Mike Shklar answered no. Alvin Mcneill asked if the school board thinks they can get it done. John Hopkins explained that this year is unusual in that the District meeting is so far ahead of the town meeting. John Hopkins noted the School Board must have a public hearing, which was held this year on Feb. 6th. The District cannot have the final figures before that meeting. John Hopkins said these numbers have been available for a whole month. Carol Stamatakis asked what happens if the report is not available? Mike Shklar said it could require a continuation of the meeting, or call into question the things that happen at the meeting. Cappy Nunlist guessed that it wouldn't invalidate what happens at the meeting, but that if anyone called for the meeting to be postponed it would have to be voted on to continue. Call for a vote on the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

John Scranton thanked the Friends of the Goshen Grange and the Wellness Committee and PTC for the delicious spaghetti dinner and desserts. All in favor, applause.

Alvin McNeill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Korrie Goodspeed. Motion to adjourn was accepted. Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Sonnichsen, Clerk.

PUPIL STATISTICS

School enrollment for the last 15 years, on the opening day.

School Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Subtotal	Tuition	Total
1993-94	26	23	26	36	20	17	30	27	24	229	72	301
1994-95	11	22	20	23	36	17	18	28	29	204	92	296
1995-96	27	16	26	18	28	37	19	24	28	223	89	312
1996-97	16	30	17	24	19	25	32	17	20	200	92	292
1997-98	16	22	27	15	24	17	32	35	22	210	93	303
1998-99	17	17	22	35	19	30	19	31	31	221	96	317
1999-00	19	18	26	37	21	30	19	34	33	237	99	336
2000-01	15	20	24	25	39	20	26	20	34	223	98	321
2001-02	12	14	19	20	18	23	32	19	28	185	95	280
2002-03	18	15	16	18	24	19	23	36	22	191	103	294
2003-04	15	16	14	18	16	22	17	24	30	172	99	271
2004-05	16	19	19	17	16	15	19	20	18	159	93	252
2005-06	20	18	18	18	19	17	18	22	25	175	93	268
2006-07	19	18	22	17	18	17	20	18	20	169	92	261
2007-08	24	18	16	22	19	20	20	17	16	172	92	264

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the School Board
Goshen-Lempster School District
Lempster, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Goshen-Lempster School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Goshen-Lempster School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Goshen-Lempster School District, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 through 18 and 43 through 46, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Goshen-Lempster School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Laconia, New Hampshire
November 29, 2007

GOSHEN-LEMPSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2007

	General Fund	Grants Fund	Capital Reserves	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 48,938	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 48,938
Receivables, net	4,444	-	-	-	4,444
Due from other governments	248,661	21,512	58,130	2,934	331,237
Due from other funds	-	6,805	-	-	6,805
Prepaids	3,848	-	-	-	3,848
Total assets	$ 305,891	$ 28,317	$ 58,130	$ 2,934	$ 395,272
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	$ 28,757	$ 13,757	$ -	$ -	$ 42,514
Accrued expenses	2,688	-	-	-	2,688
Due to other funds	4,762	-	-	2,043	6,805
Deferred revenue	-	14,578	-	-	14,578
Note payable	130,000	-	-	-	130,000
Total liabilities	166,207	28,335	-	2,043	196,585
Fund balances:					
Reserved for:					
Encumbrances	26,302	-	-	-	26,302
Endowments	-	-	-	500	500
Designated	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Unreserved	108,382	(18)	58,130	-	166,494
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor:					
Permanent trust funds	-	-	-	391	391
Total fund balances	139,684	(18)	58,130	891	198,687
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 305,891	$ 28,317	$ 58,130	$ 2,934	$ 395,272

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.